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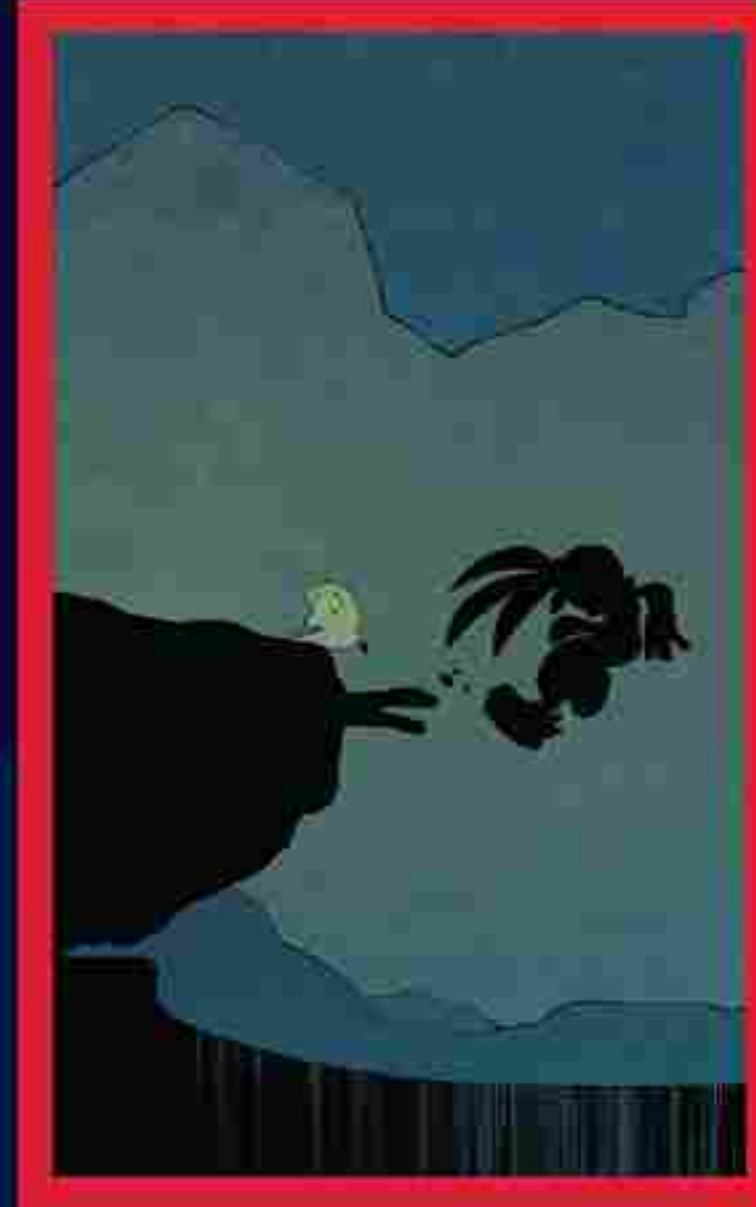
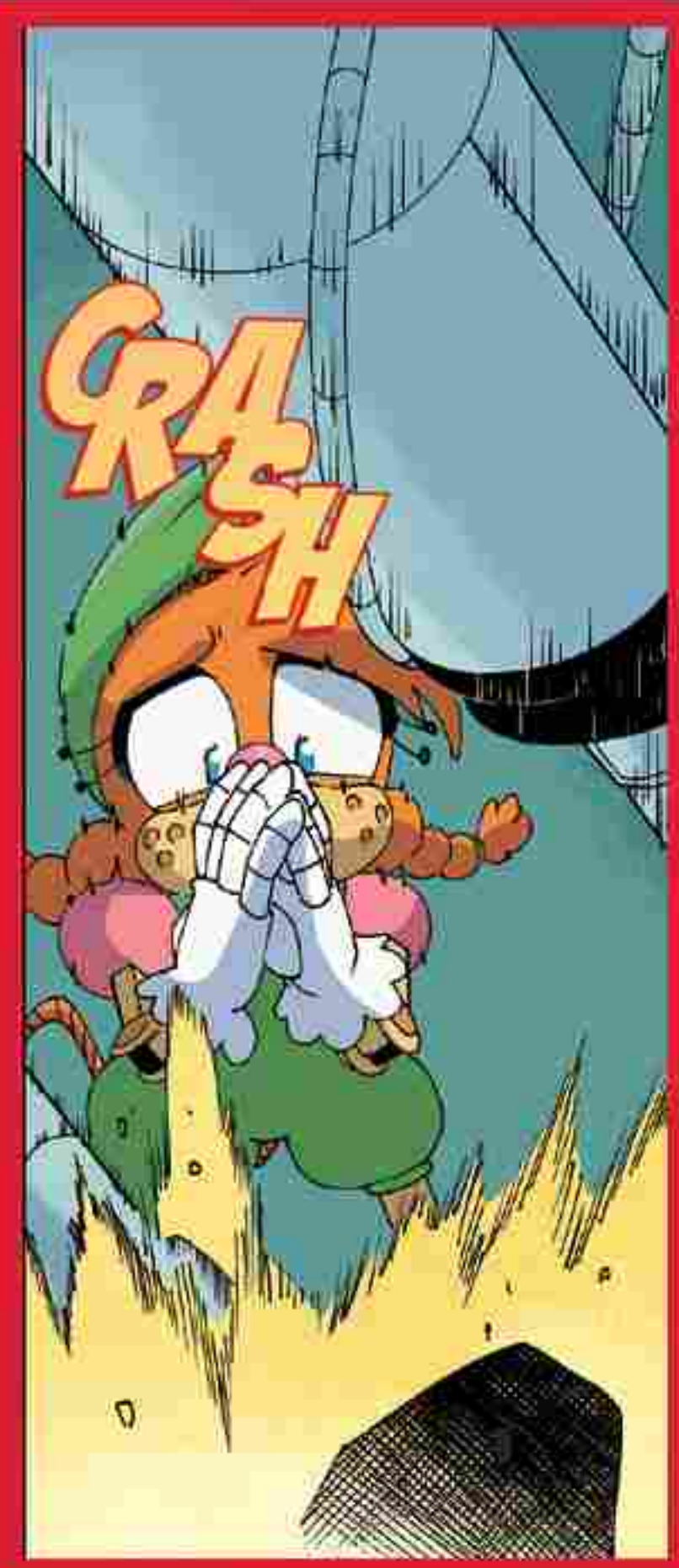
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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-Savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



BELLE THE TINKERER

Clumsy Marionette.
Enthusiastic newcomer.



KITSUNAMI "KIT" THE FENNEC

Sorrowful Sidekick.
High-flying hydromancer.



DR. EGGMAN

Mad Genius.
Egg enthusiast.



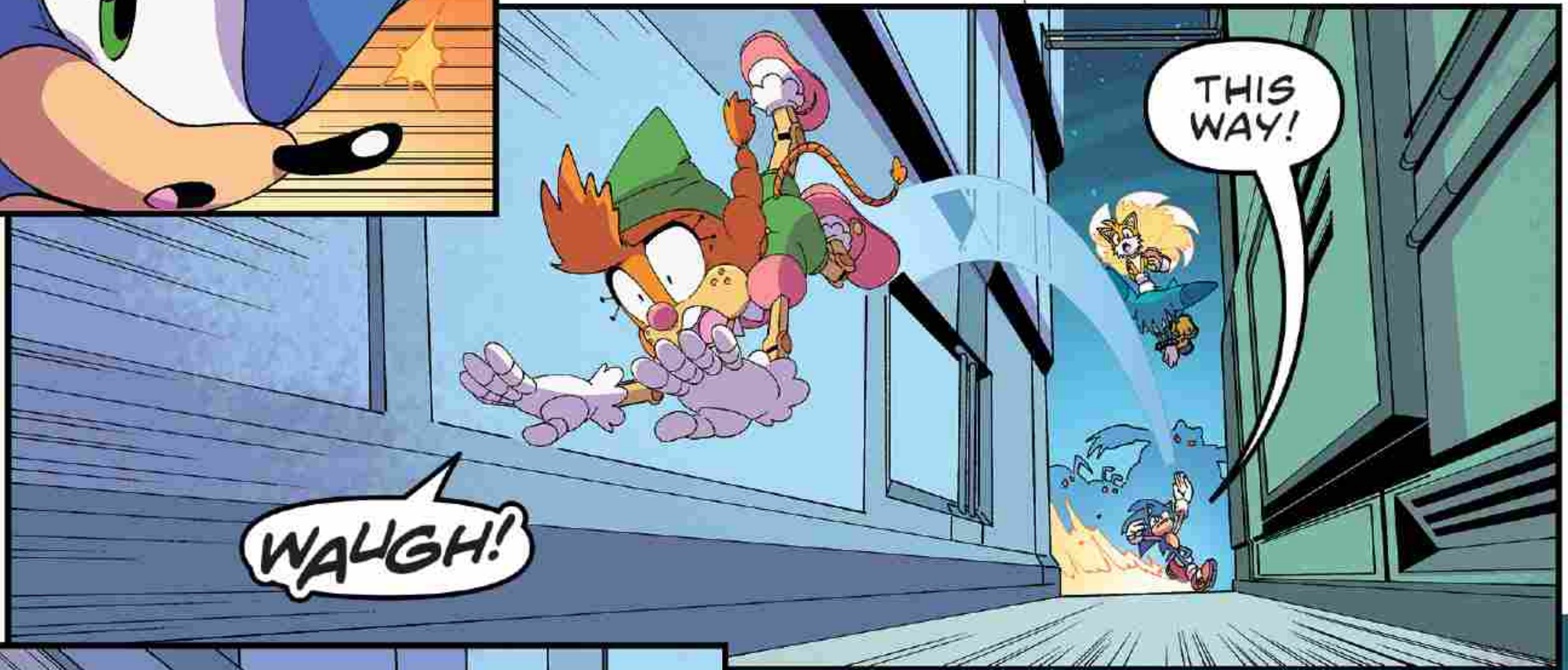
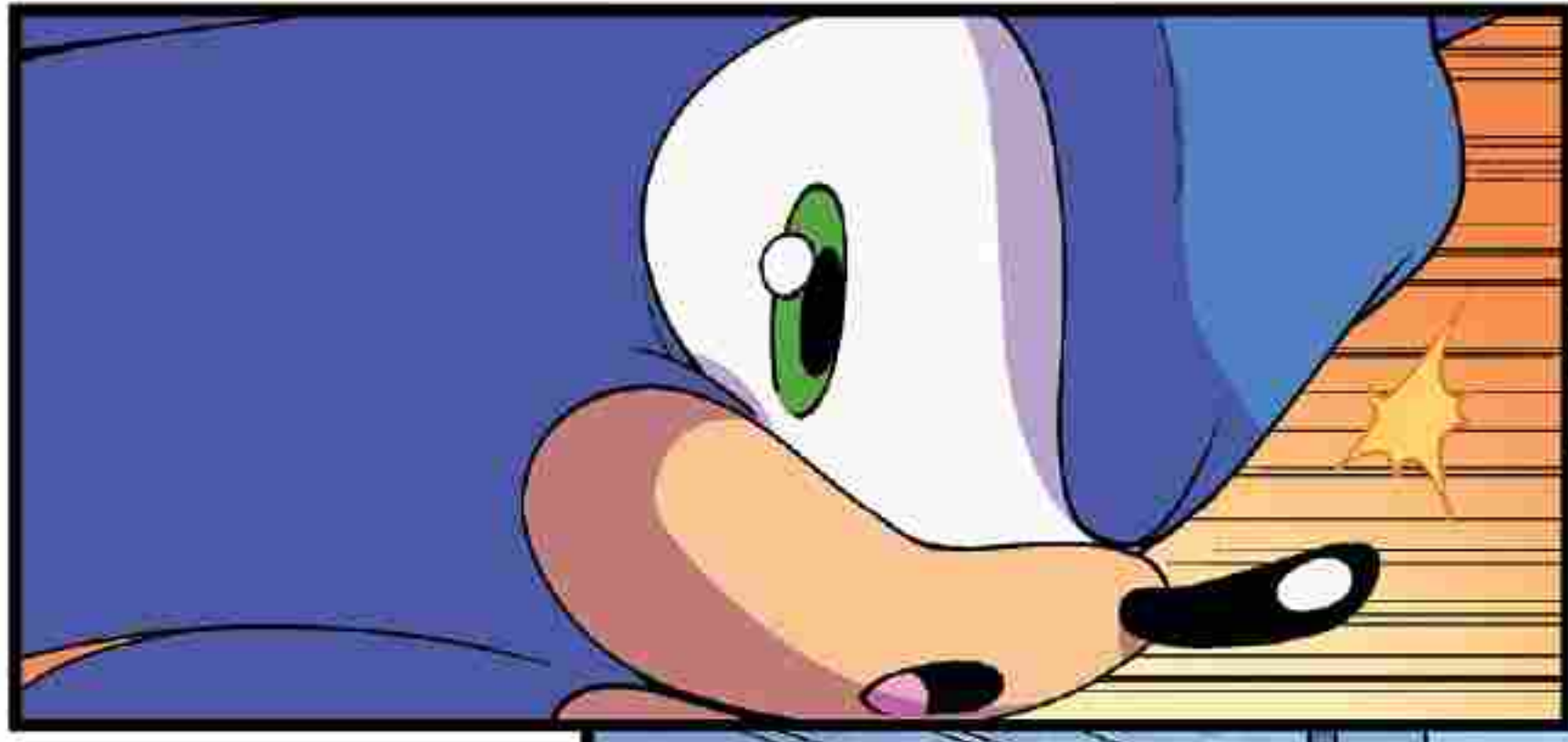
METAL SONIC

Loyal Minion.
Mechanical menace.

EGGPRIAL CITY.



I DUNNO
ABOUT YOU GUYS,
BUT I'M ABOUT
FUN'D OUT FOR
THE DAY!



WAUGH!



JUST A SEC.

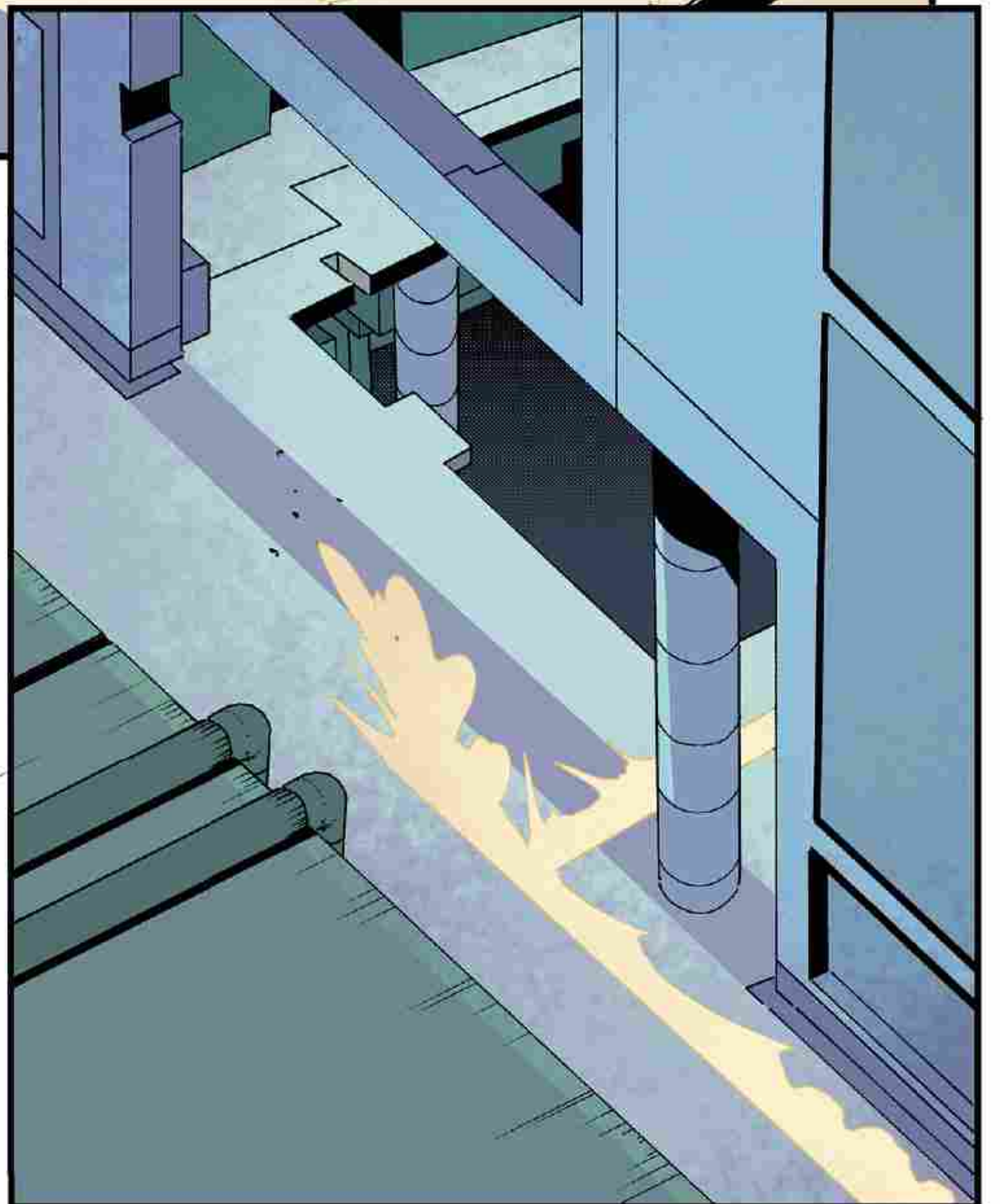


GOTCHA!

I'M VERY
READY FOR
THIS NIGHT TO
BE OVER,
SONIC!



I HEAR YA, BELLE.
LET'S HIDE OUT
OVER THERE!





HE'S VERY STILL... IS HE...

HE'S JUST UNCONSCIOUS.

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOOD FOR NOW...



...SO CAN WE TAKE A SEC TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IS UP WITH TONIGHT?!

I THINK IT'S ALL DR. STARLINE'S FAULT.



FROM WHAT I'VE PIECED TOGETHER, HE ATTACKED THE CITY WITH A COUPLE OF ENFORCERS NAMED SURGE AND KITSUNAMI.

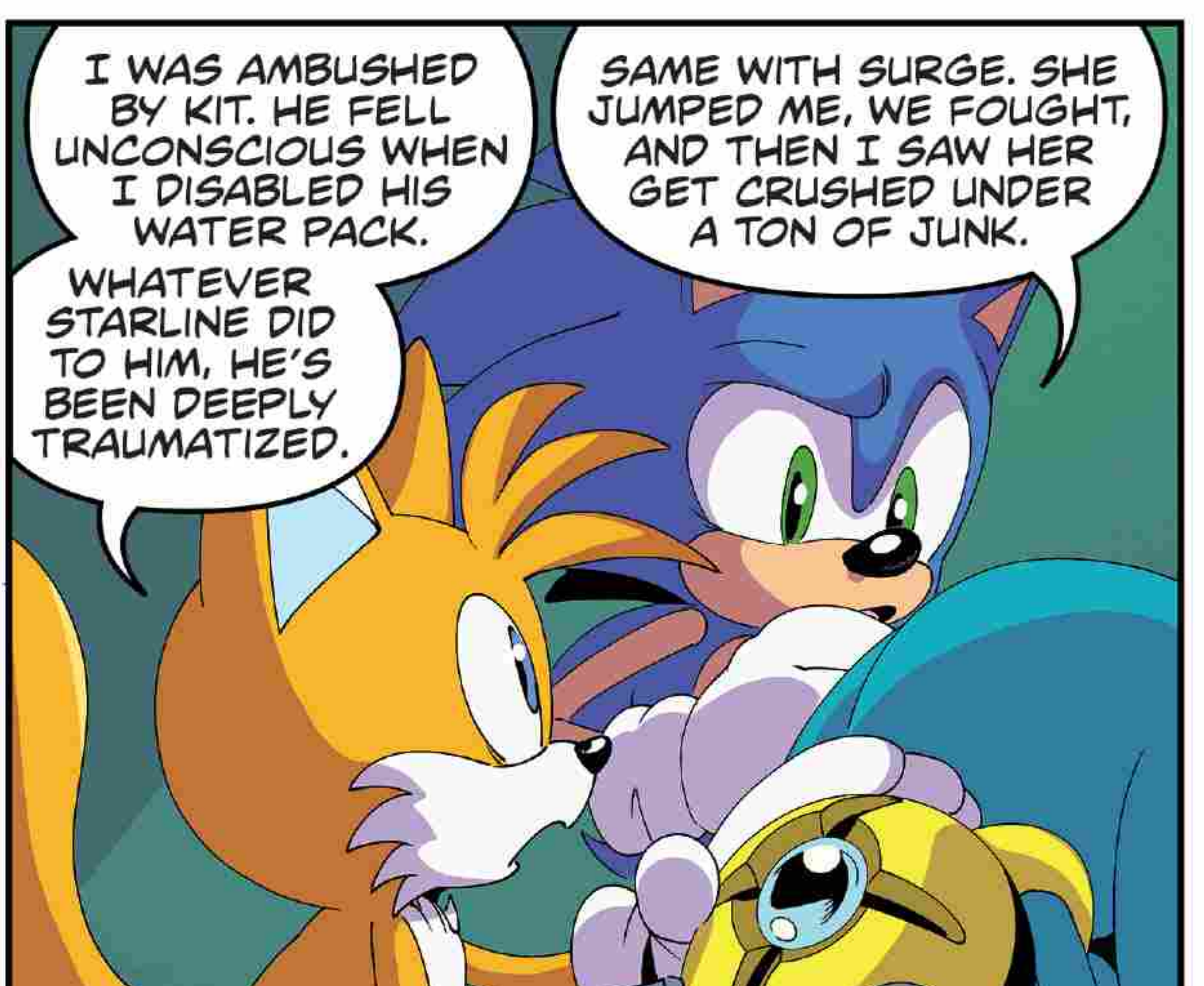
HE SUMMONED ALL THE BADNIKS HERE TO GET YOUR ATTENTION AND RAISE AN ARMY.

THEN EGGMAN FOUGHT BACK AND... WELL...



I SAW IT MYSELF. DR. STARLINE IS... NO MORE.

BIG OOF.

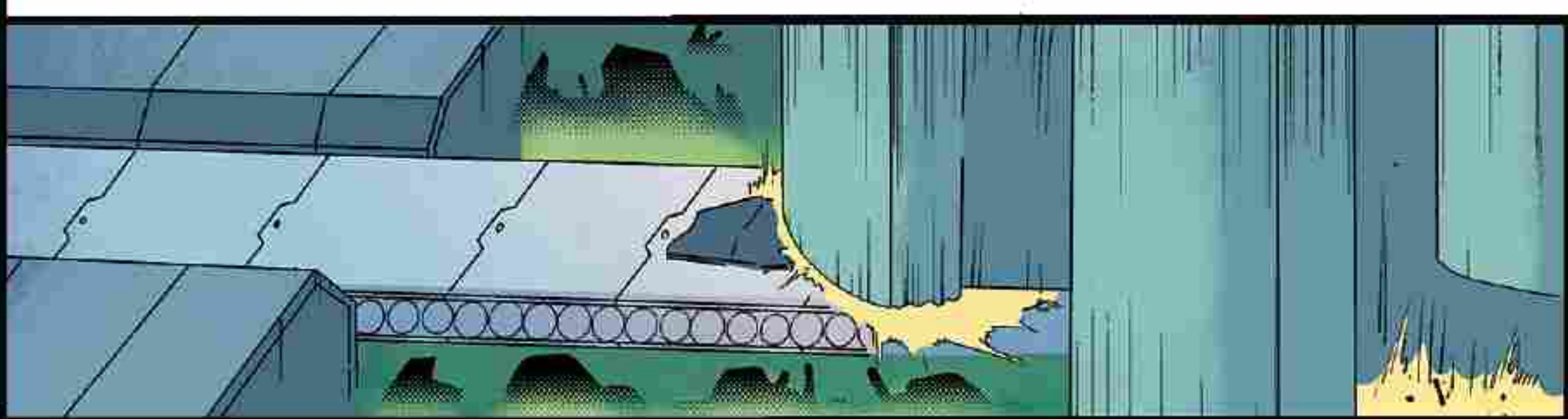
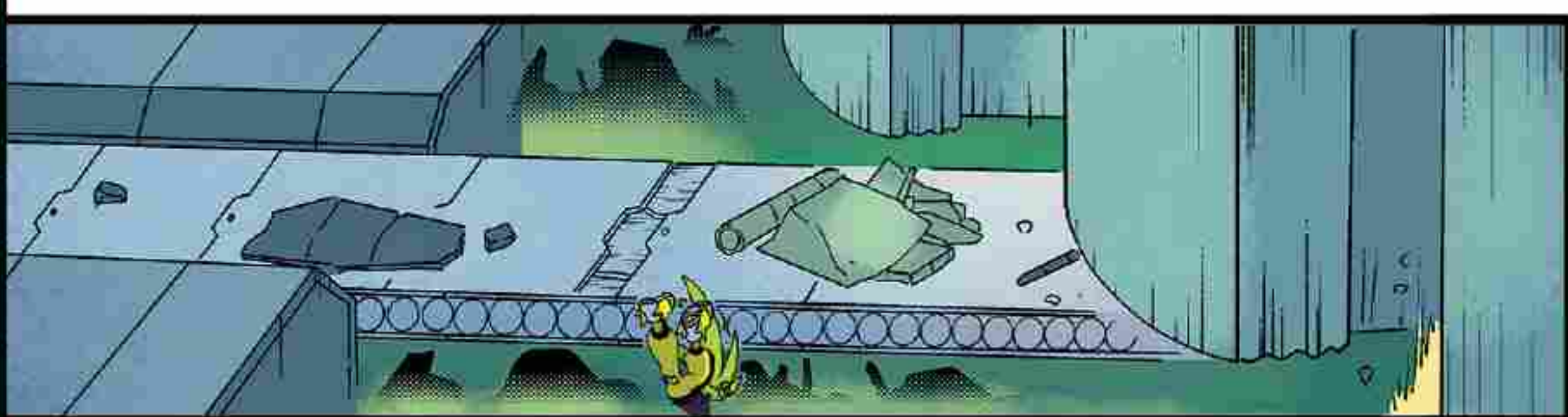
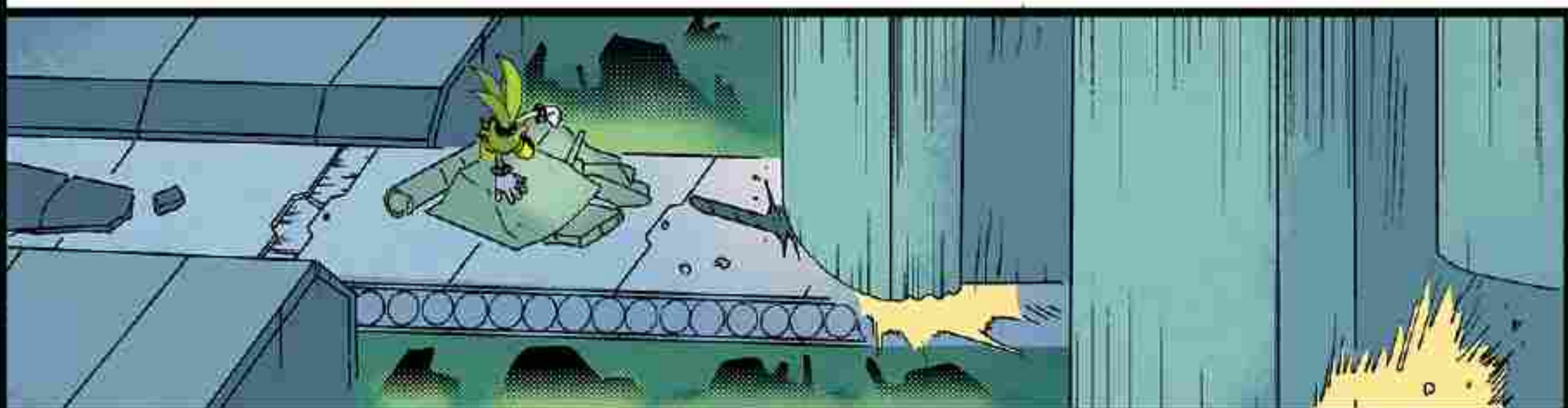
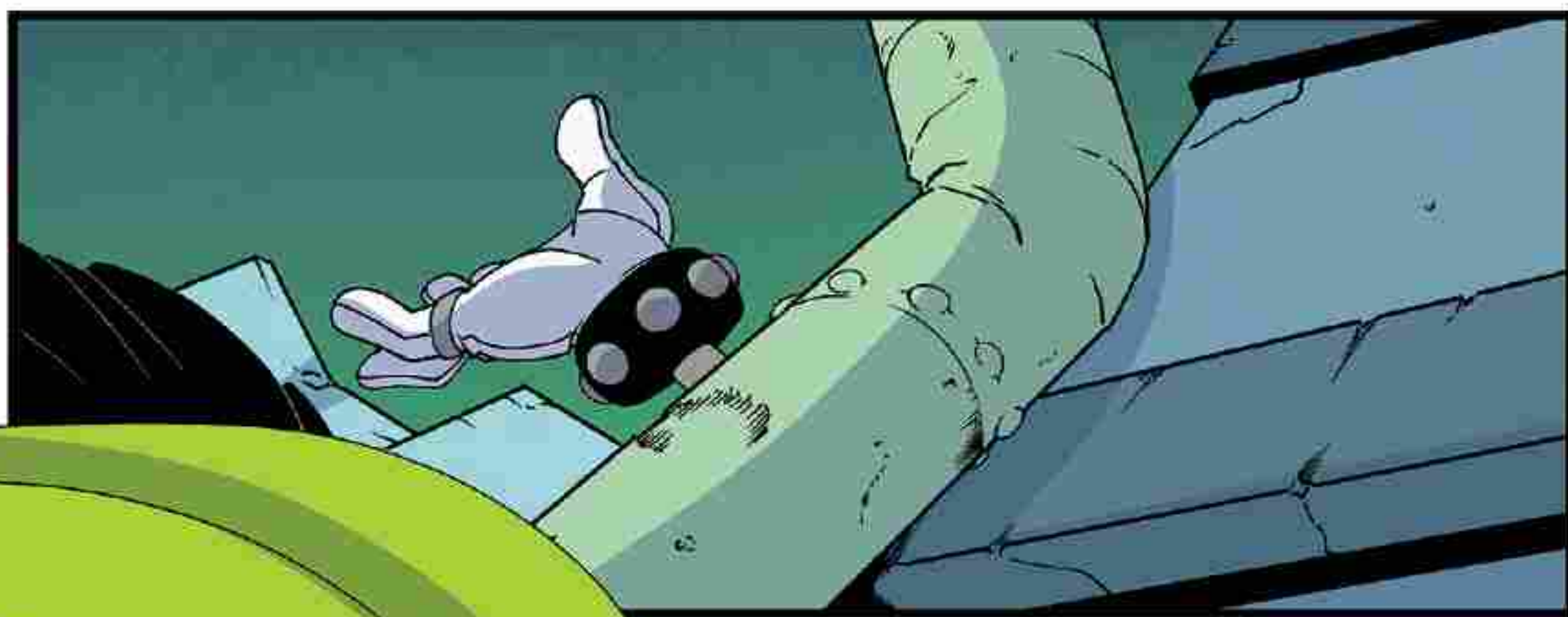


I WAS AMBUSHED BY KIT. HE FELL UNCONSCIOUS WHEN I DISABLED HIS WATER PACK.

WHATEVER STARLINE DID TO HIM, HE'S BEEN DEEPLY TRAUMATIZED.

SAME WITH SURGE. SHE JUMPED ME, WE FOUGHT, AND THEN I SAW HER GET CRUSHED UNDER A TON OF JUNK.

"THERE'S NO COMING
BACK FROM THAT."





AS MUCH AS I APPRECIATE SOME STRAIGHT ANSWERS, HOW DID YOU KNOW ALL THIS?

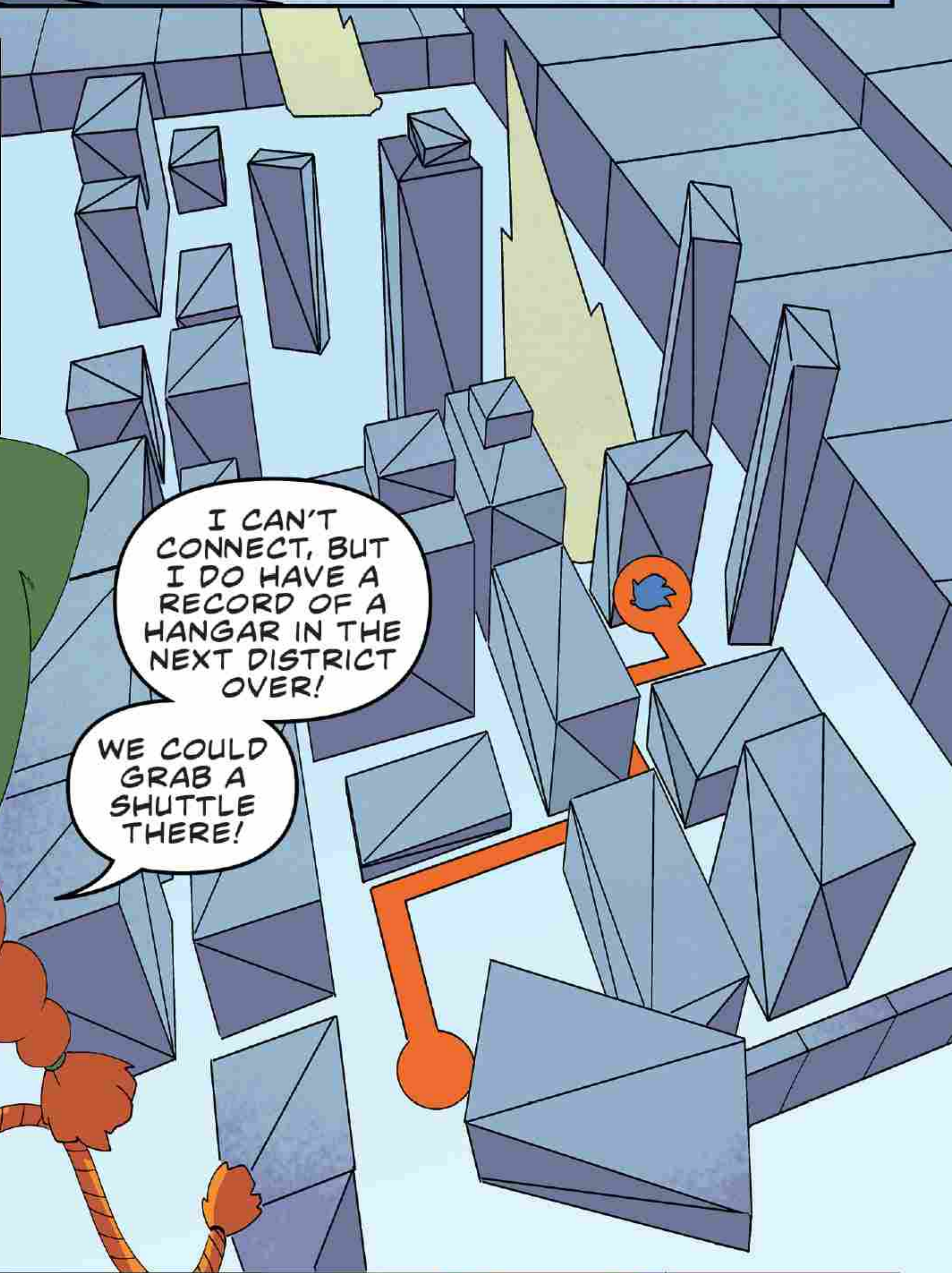
OH! I ENDED UP DOWNLOADING SOME DATA WHEN I INTERFACED WITH METAL SONIC.*

*STH #50--EDS.



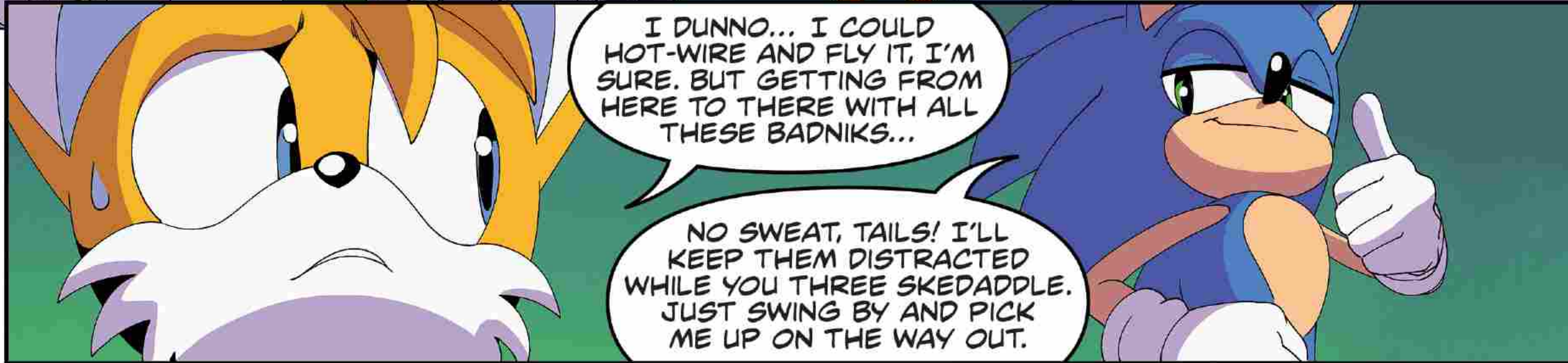
IF YOU CONNECTED TO HIM, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN ACCESS THE EGGNET AND FIND US A CITY MAP OR SOMETHING?

U/M... I'LL TRY...



I CAN'T CONNECT, BUT I DO HAVE A RECORD OF A HANGAR IN THE NEXT DISTRICT OVER!

WE COULD GRAB A SHUTTLE THERE!



I DUNNO... I COULD HOT-WIRE AND FLY IT, I'M SURE. BUT GETTING FROM HERE TO THERE WITH ALL THESE BADNIKS...

NO SWEAT, TAILS! I'LL KEEP THEM DISTRACTED WHILE YOU THREE SKEDADDLE. JUST SWING BY AND PICK ME UP ON THE WAY OUT.





HEY, EGGMAN!
SIX BAJILLION
BADNIKS AND NOT
ONE OF THEM
CAN KEEP UP?

BOOOR-RING!



RECON HAS
SPOTTED SONIC
IN THE BLUE
DISTRICT, BOSS.

I KNOW.
I CAN HEAR
HIM FROM
HERE.

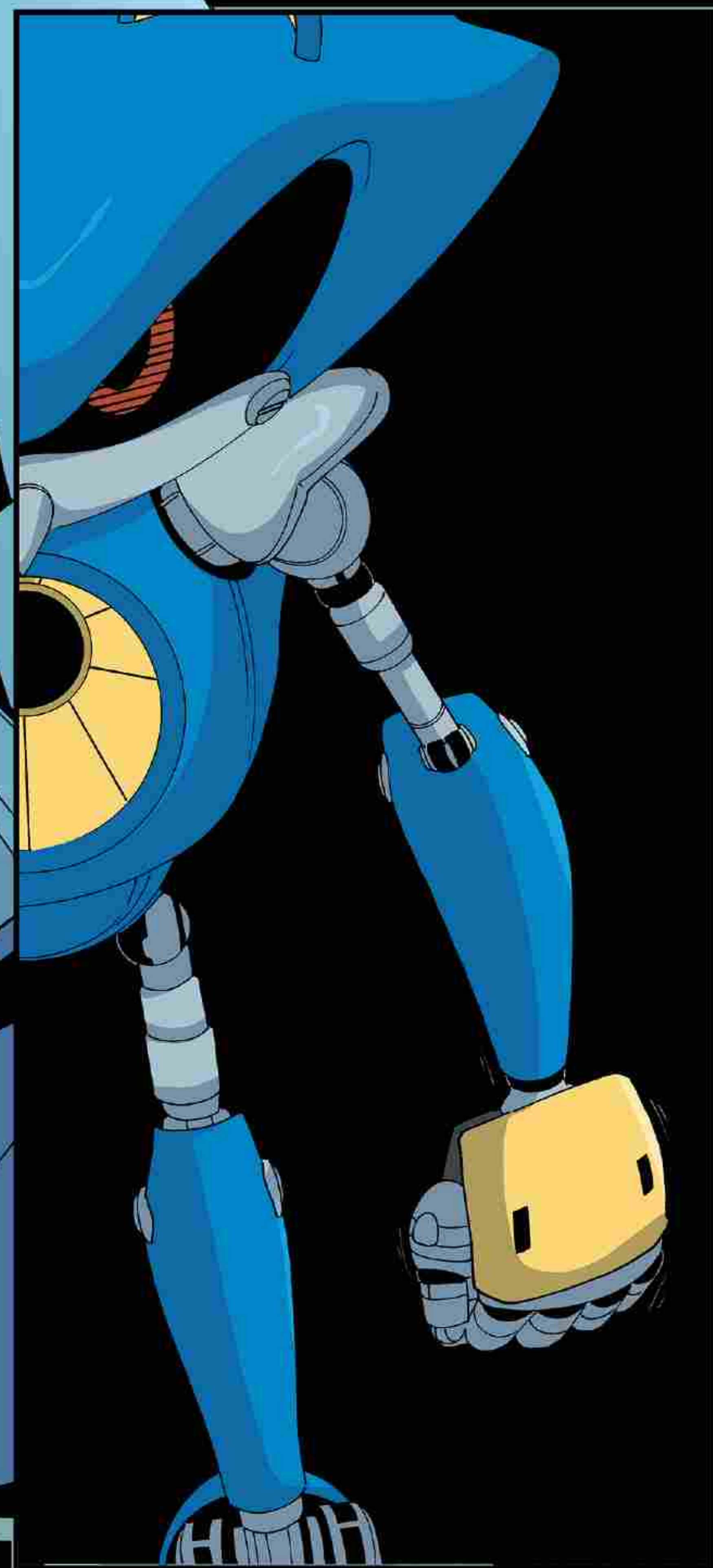
NO SIGN OF
TAILS, BELLE, OR
THE INVADERS
FROM EARLIER.



SO HE'S
BAITING
ME...



HOLD ON,
METAL SONIC!
LEAVE HIM TO
THE **BADNIK**
HORDE.



HE'S PLANNING A
DARING ESCAPE, SO
YOU'RE GOING TO
RUIN HIS DAY.
TRACK DOWN
THE OTHERS
AND INTERCEPT
AS NEED BE.



AND TRY TO
LEAVE BELLE
INTACT IF YOU
CAN, MMM?
SHE MIGHT
PROVE USEFUL
TO ME IN THE
LONG RUN!

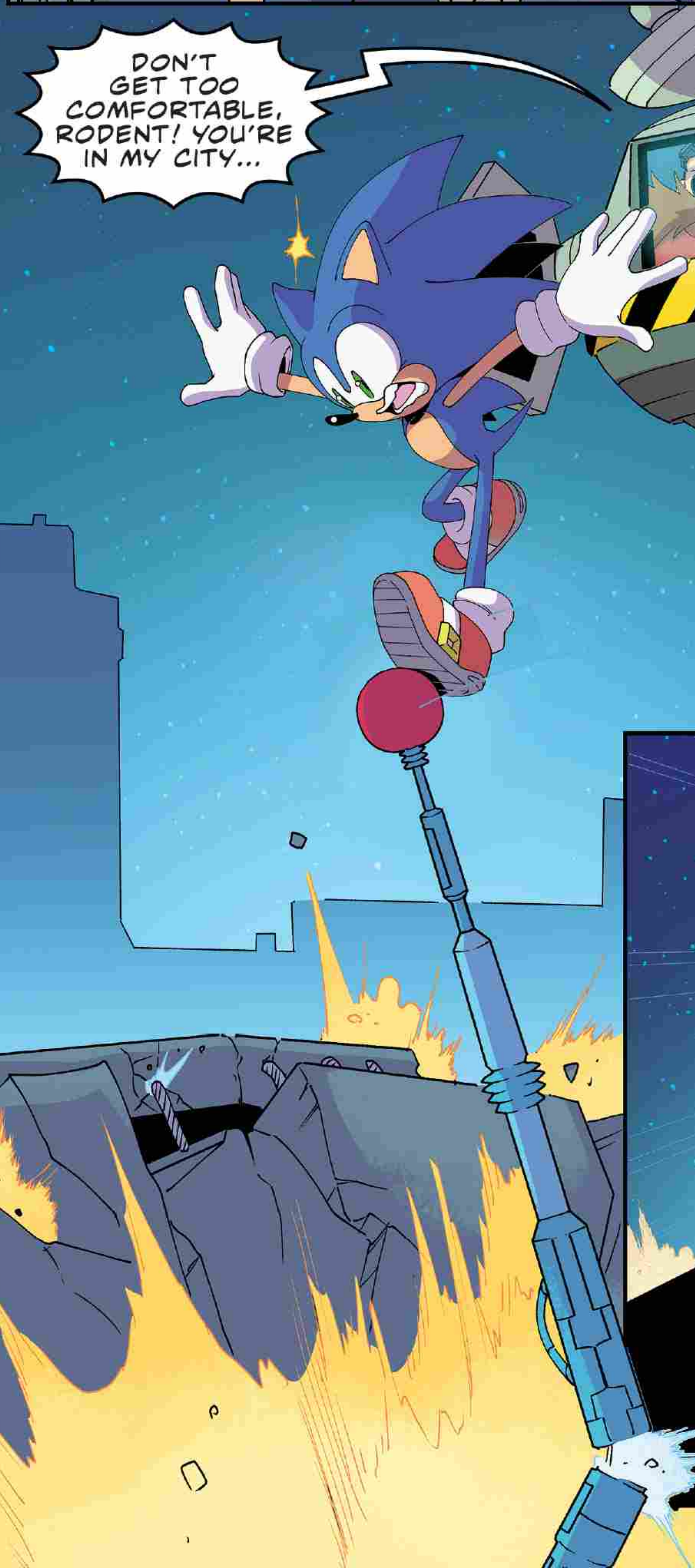


I KNOW HE'S DEALING WITH A LOT TODAY, BUT I'M STARTING TO FEEL SNUBBED HERE...



MY, MY, MY! YOU'RE STANDING STILL FOR ONCE?

I CAN RELAX SINCE IT'S SO NONTHREATENING AROUND HERE, Y'KNOW?



DON'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE, RODENT! YOU'RE IN MY CITY...

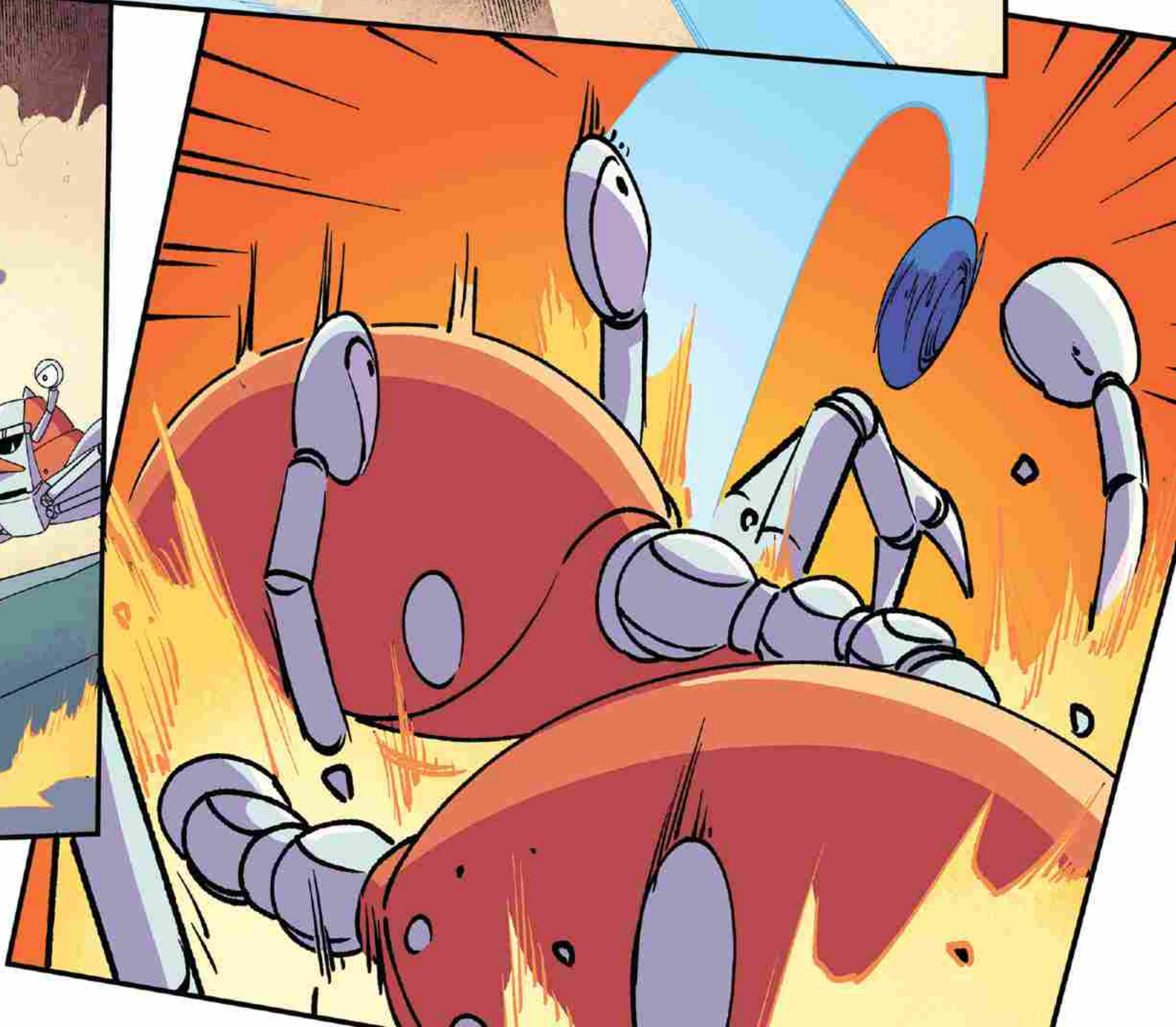
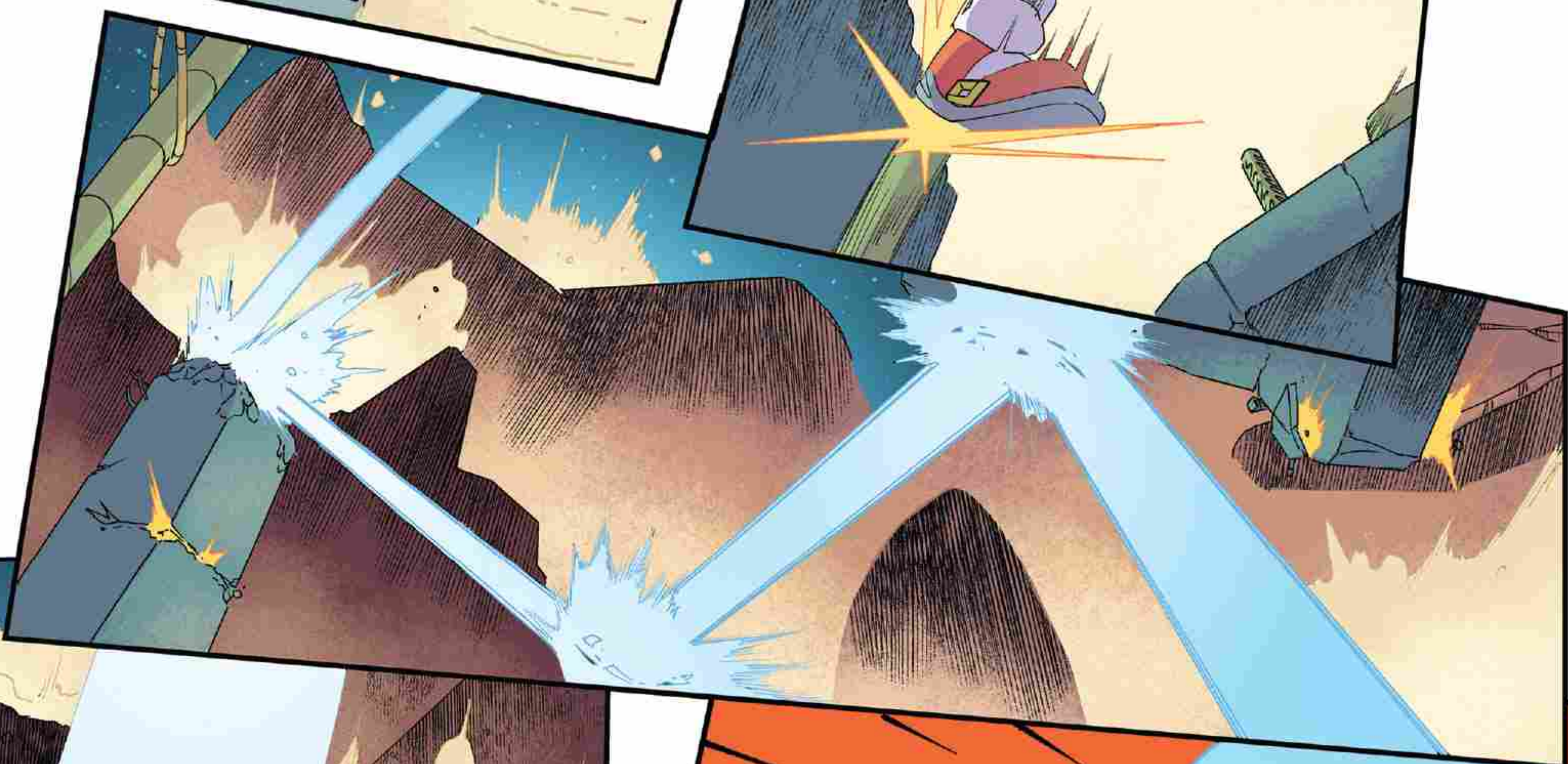


...AND I'LL TEAR IT DOWN JUST TO BURY YOU IN THE RUBBLE!

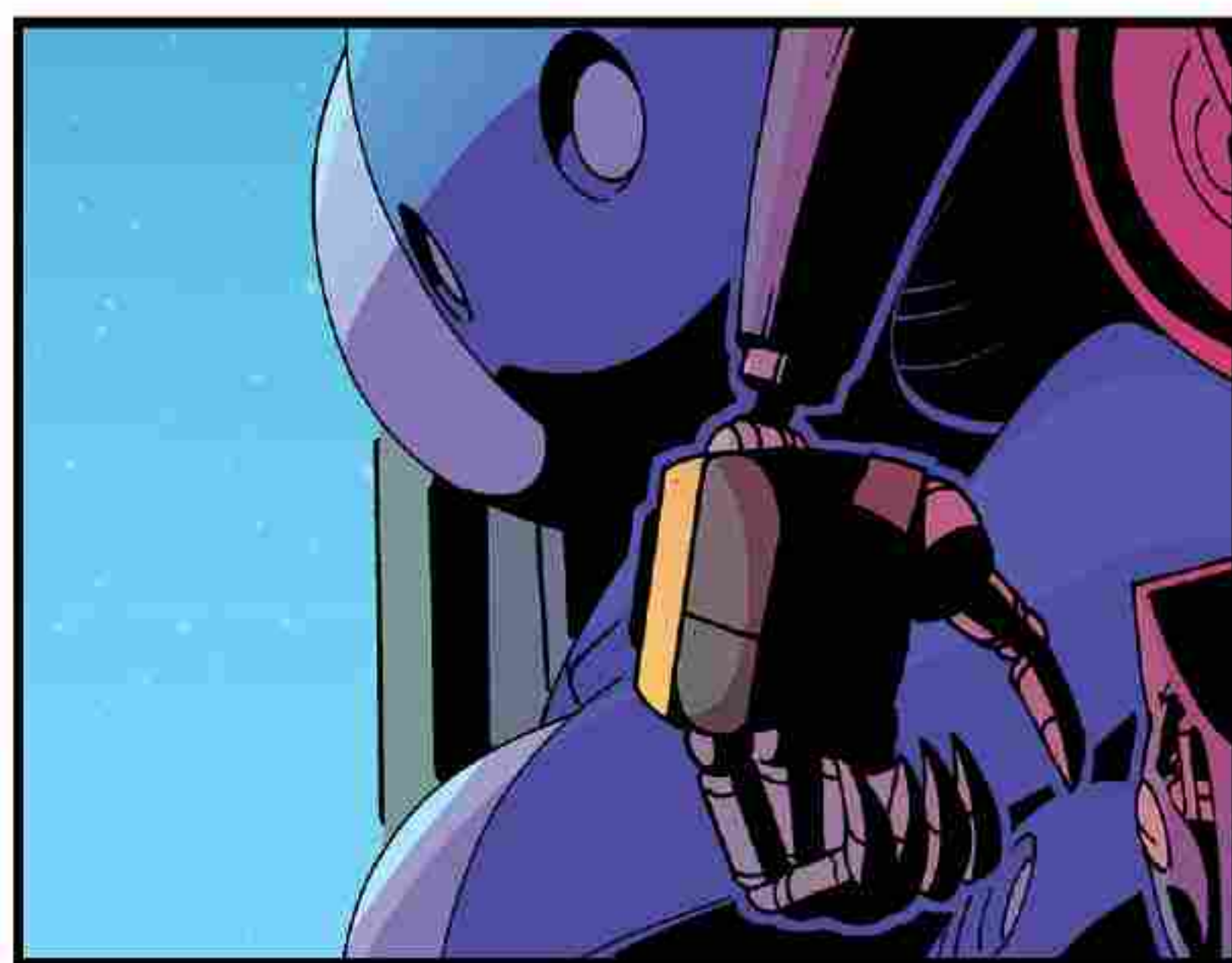
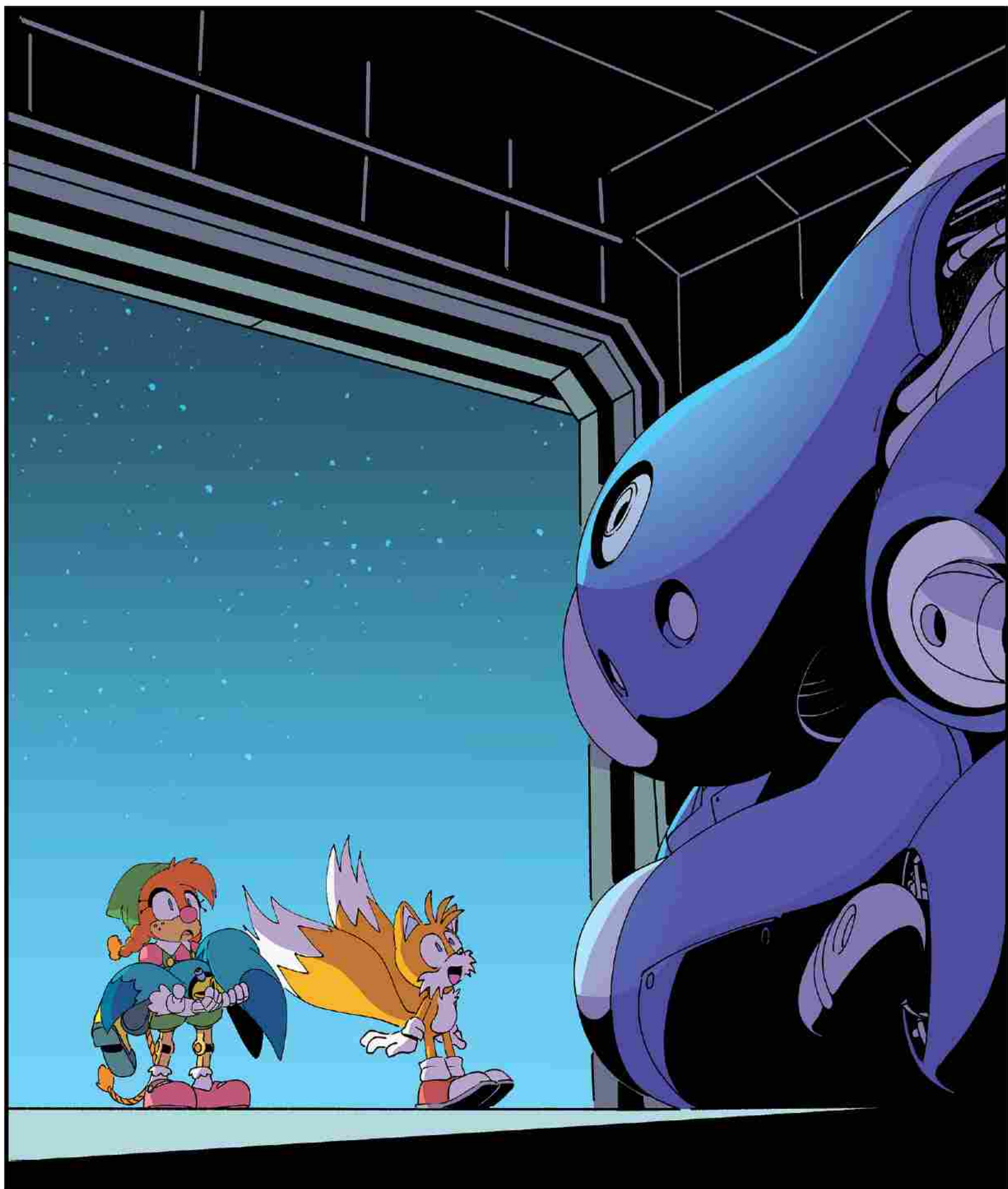
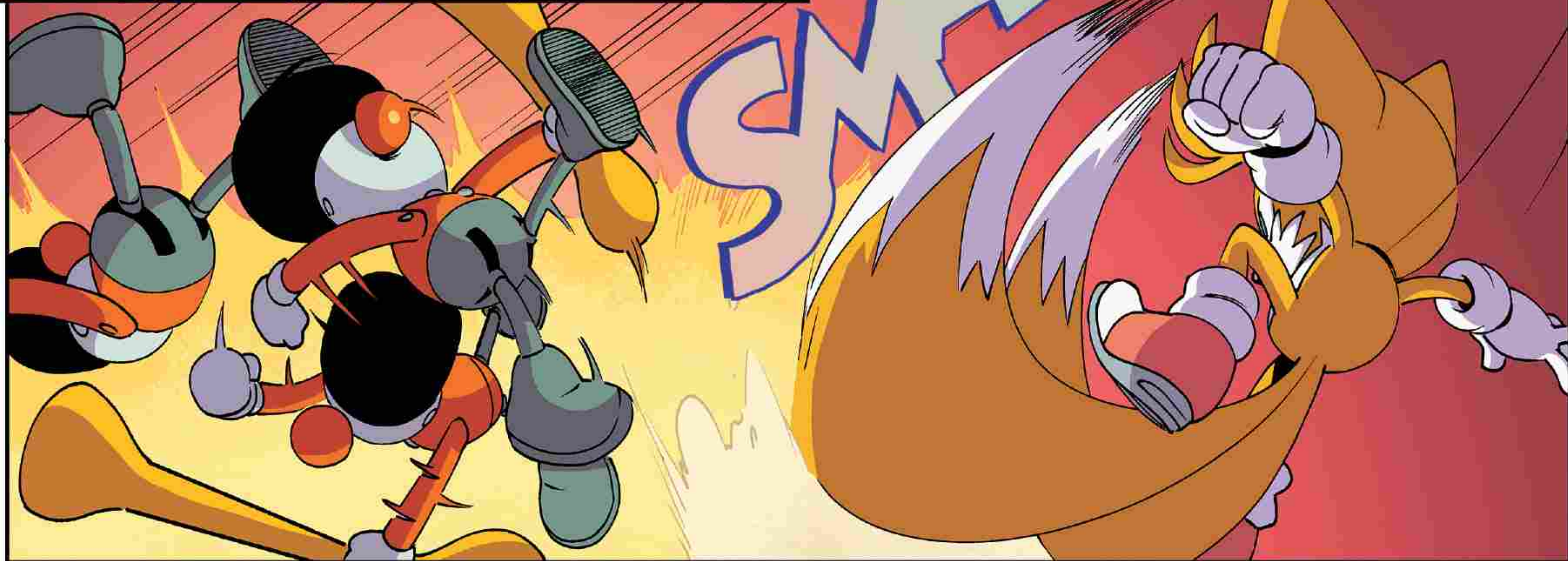
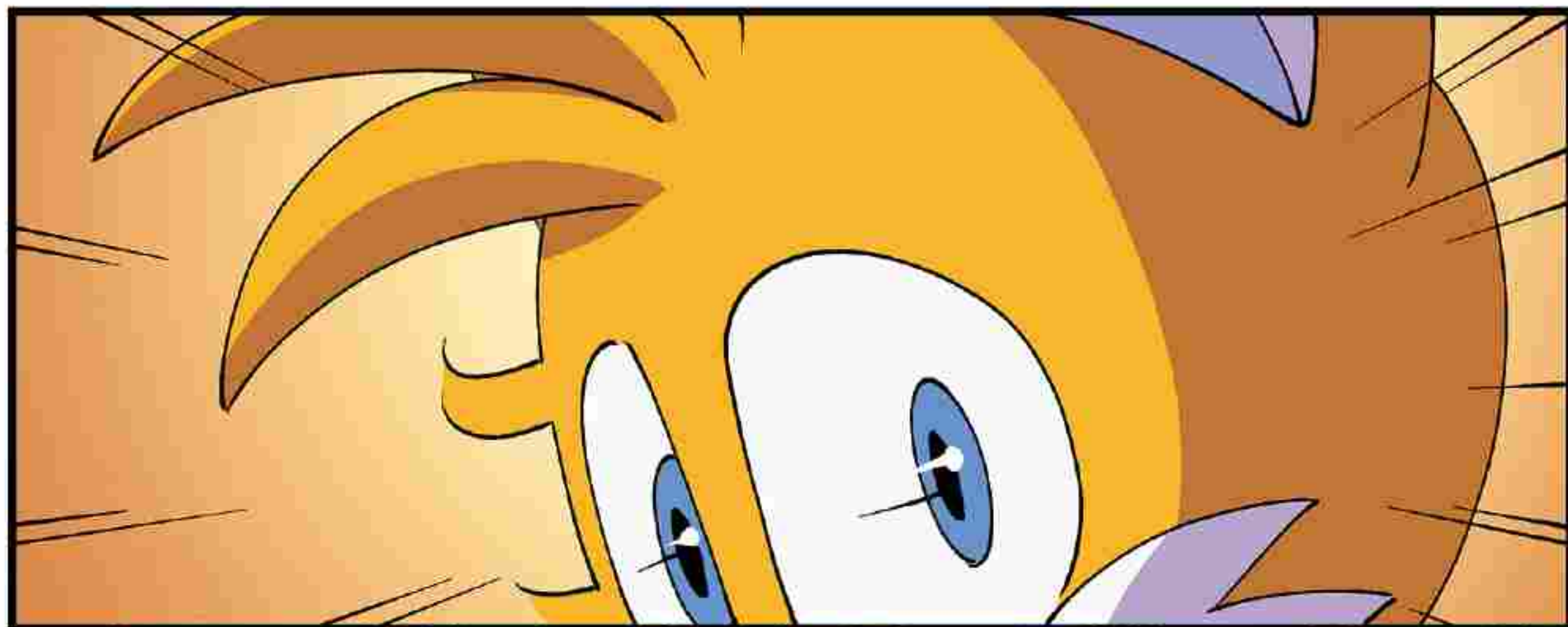


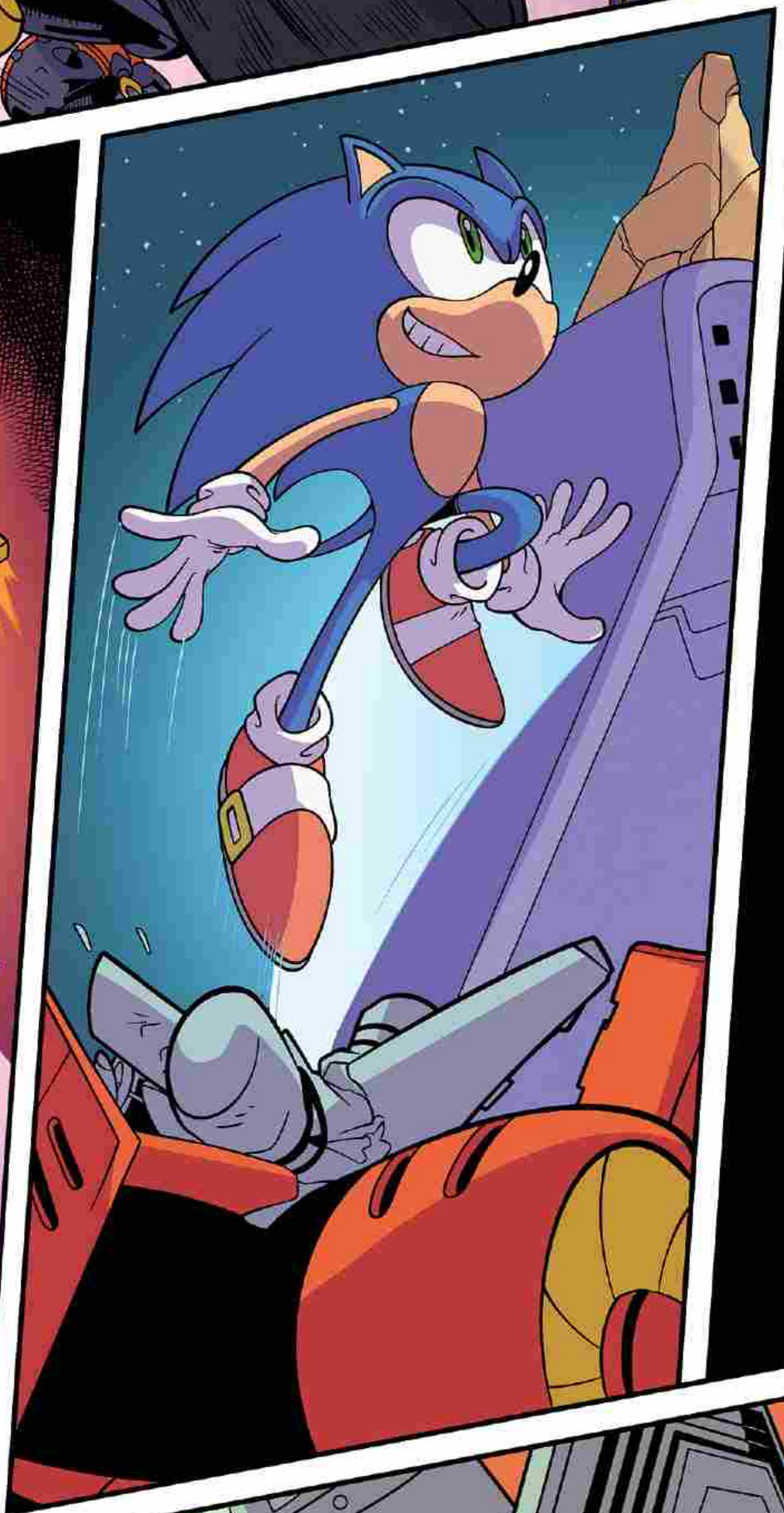
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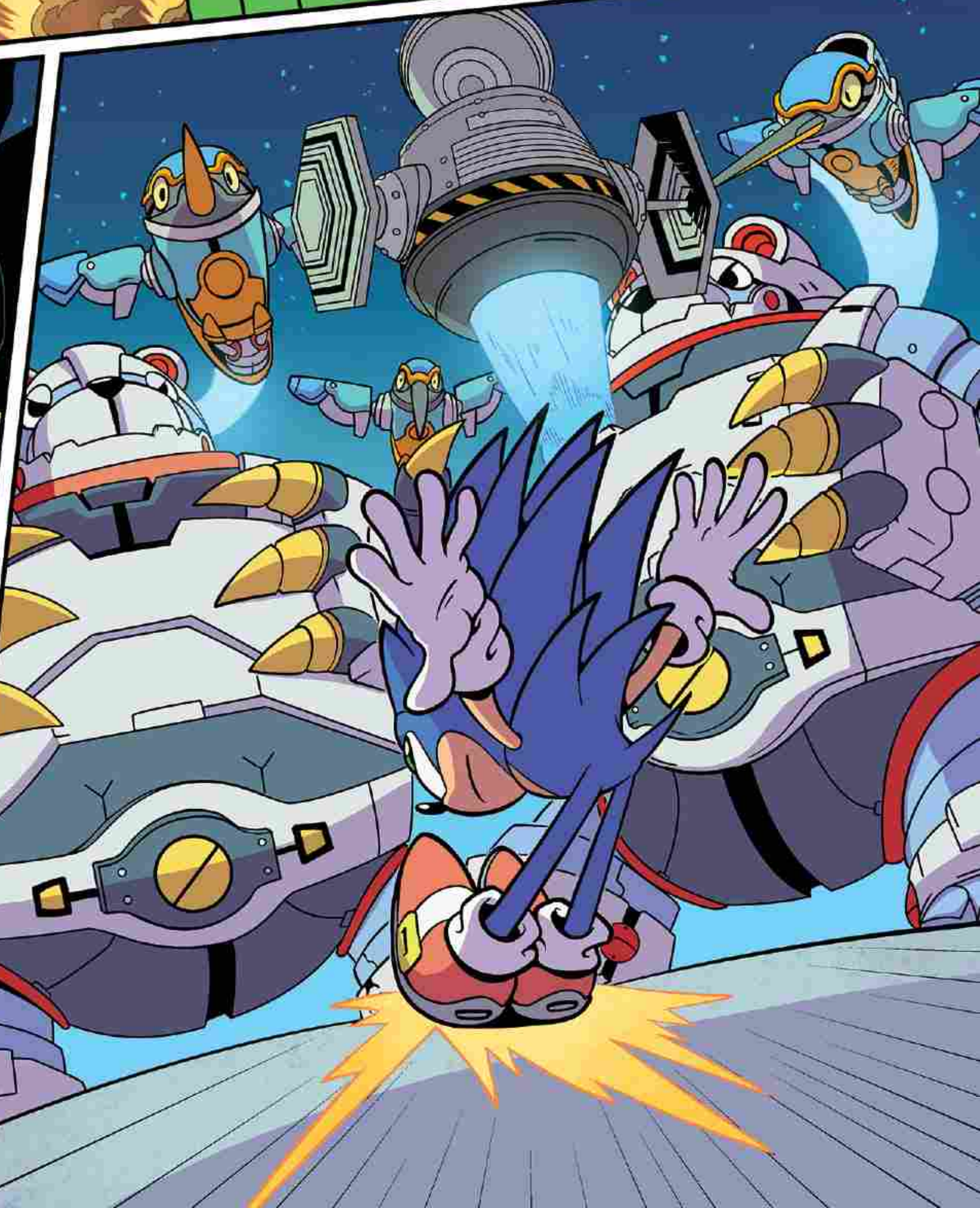
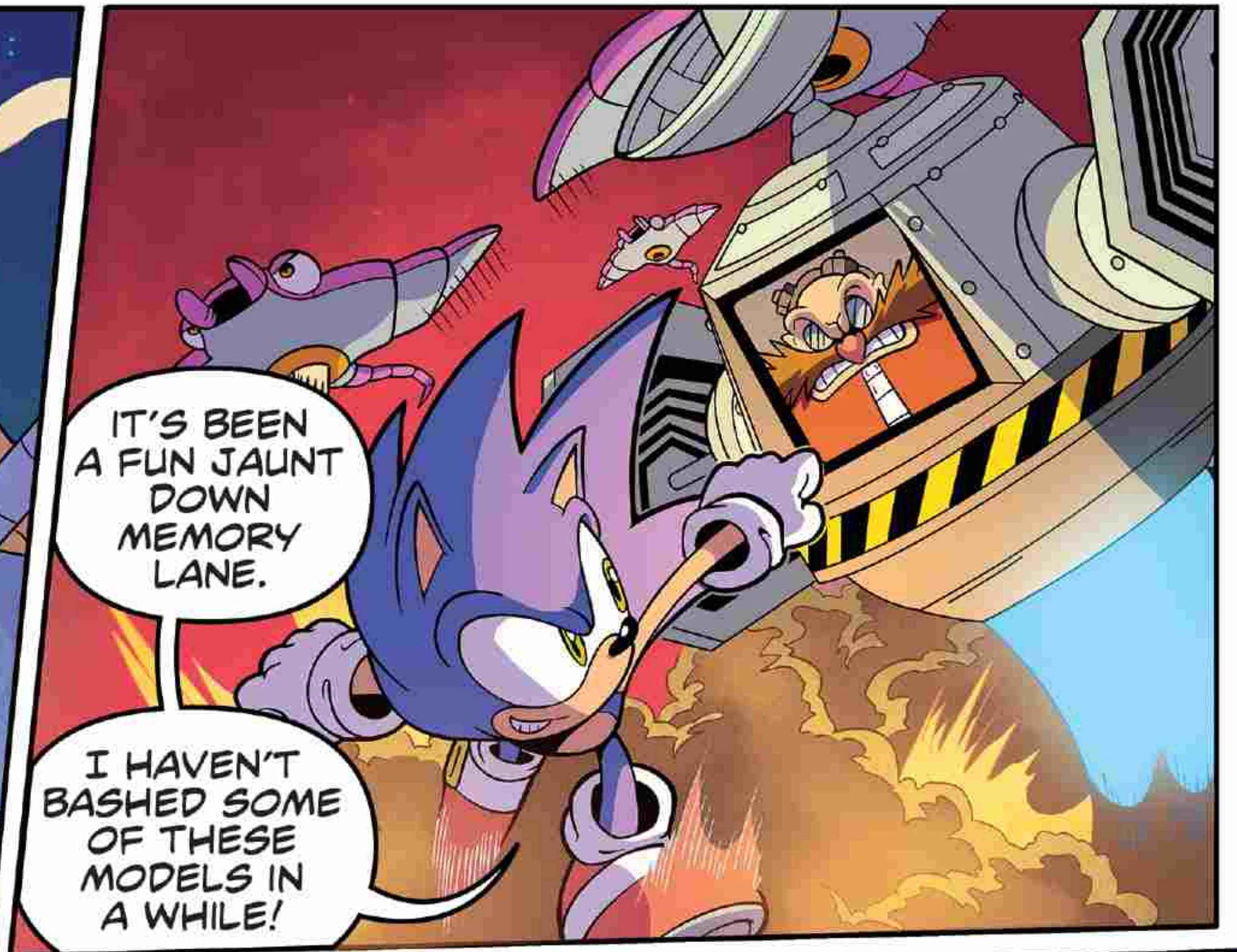
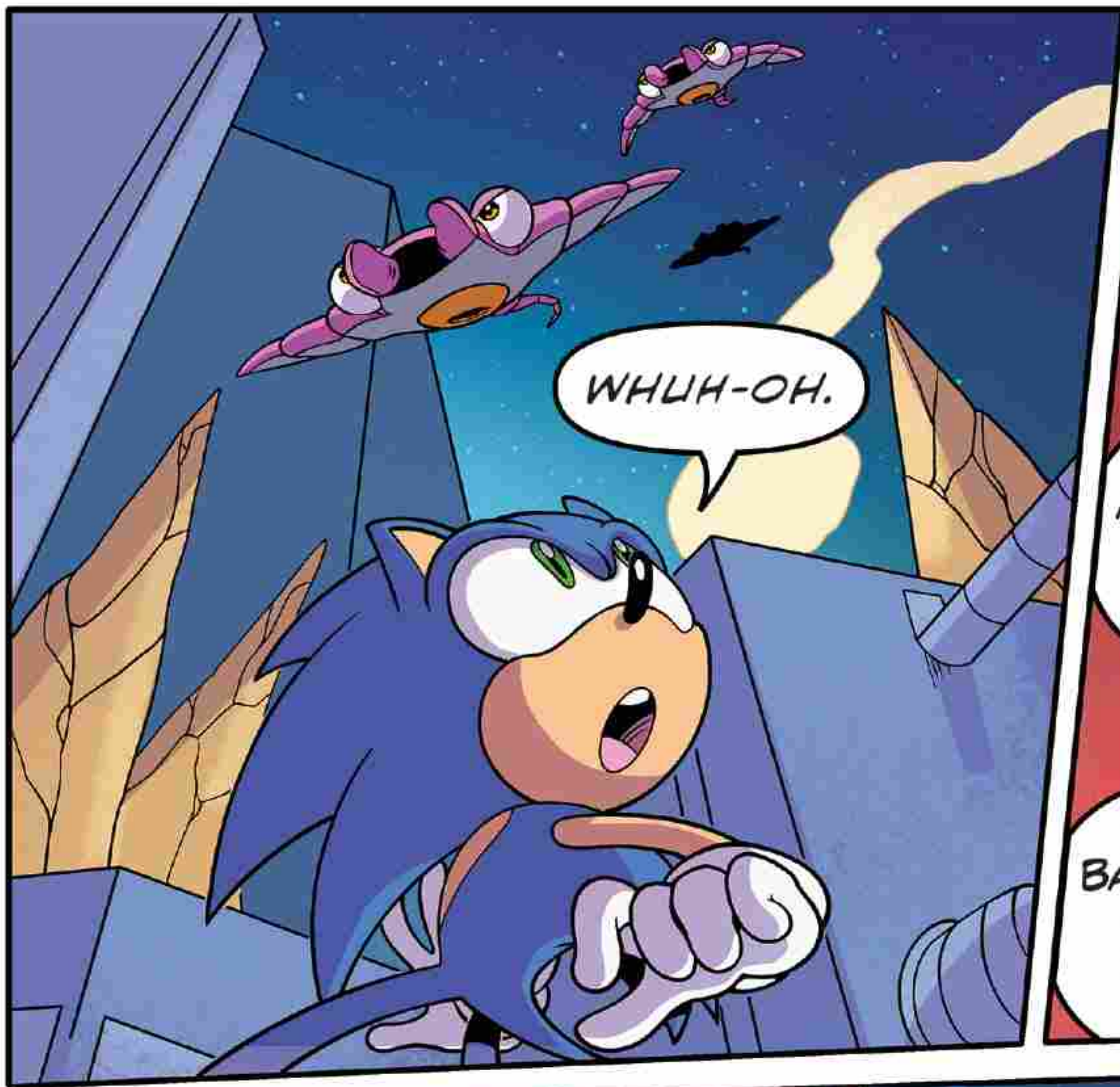
DON'T WORRY! THE FALL WON'T END YOU. THE SUDDEN STOP, HOWEVER...

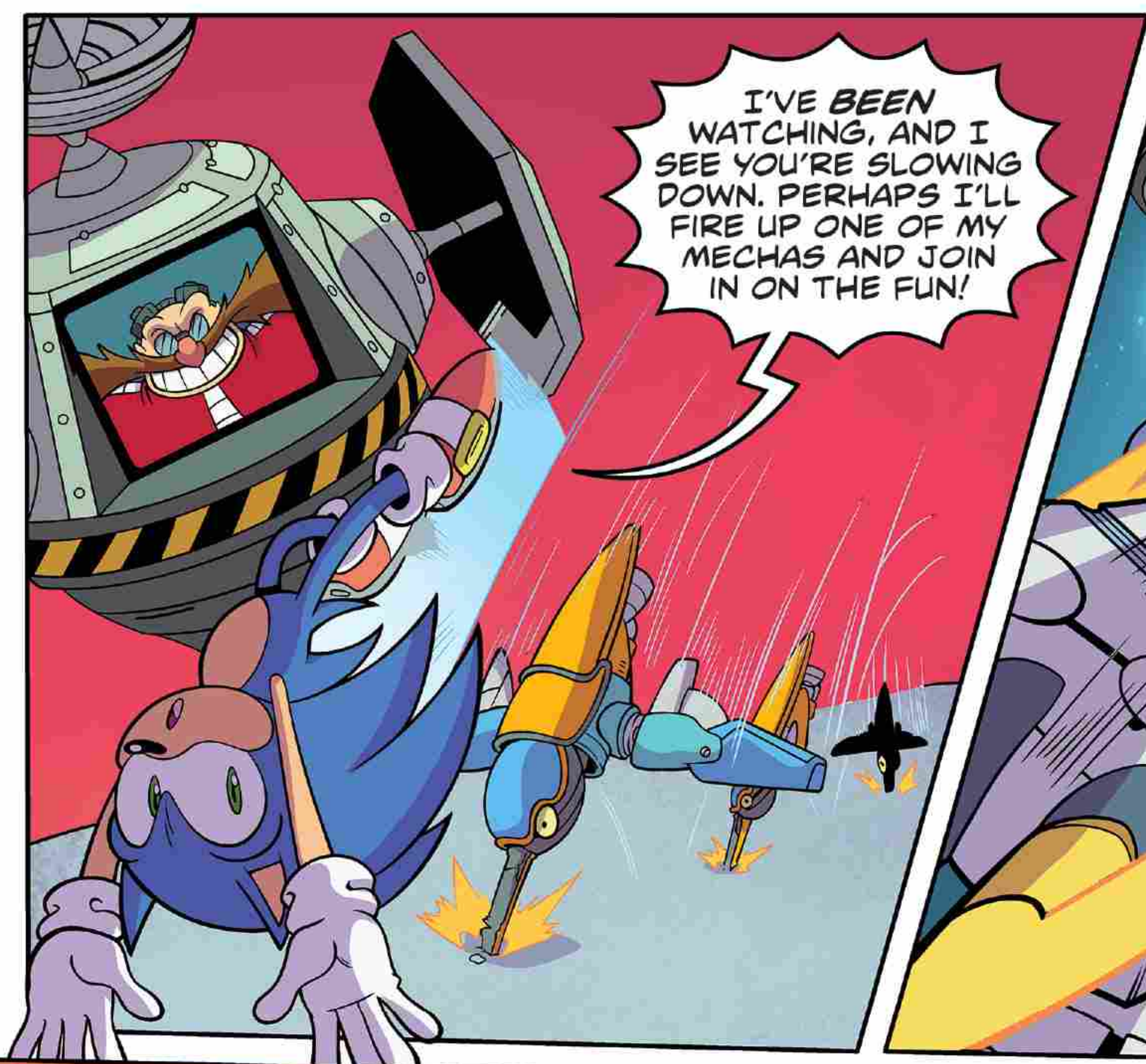




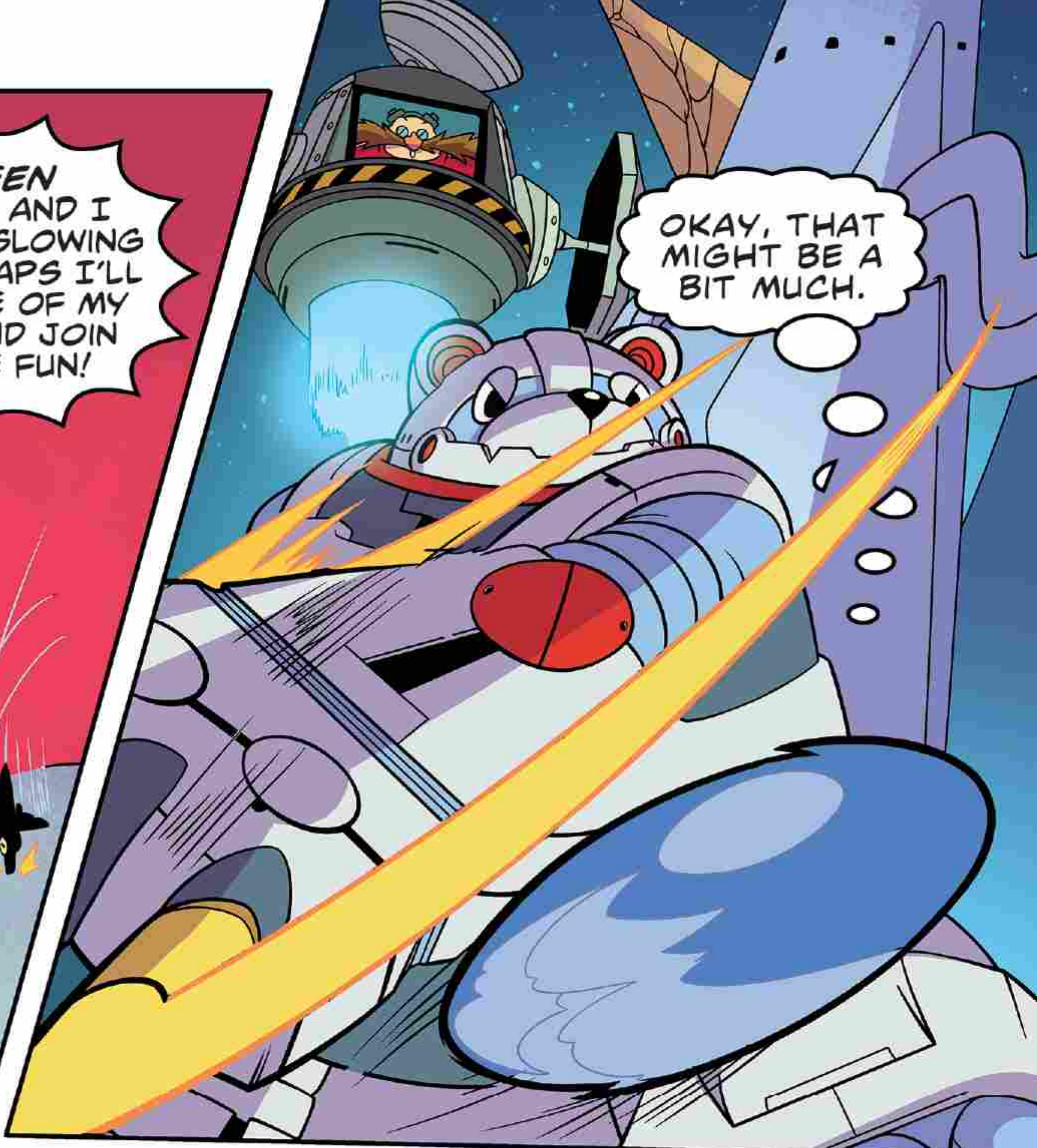








I'VE BEEN WATCHING, AND I SEE YOU'RE SLOWING DOWN. PERHAPS I'LL FIRE UP ONE OF MY MECHAS AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN!



OKAY, THAT MIGHT BE A BIT MUCH.



BETWEEN RUNNING TO THE CITY AND FIGHTING SURGE AND ALL THESE BOTS, I'M RUNNING ON EMPTY.

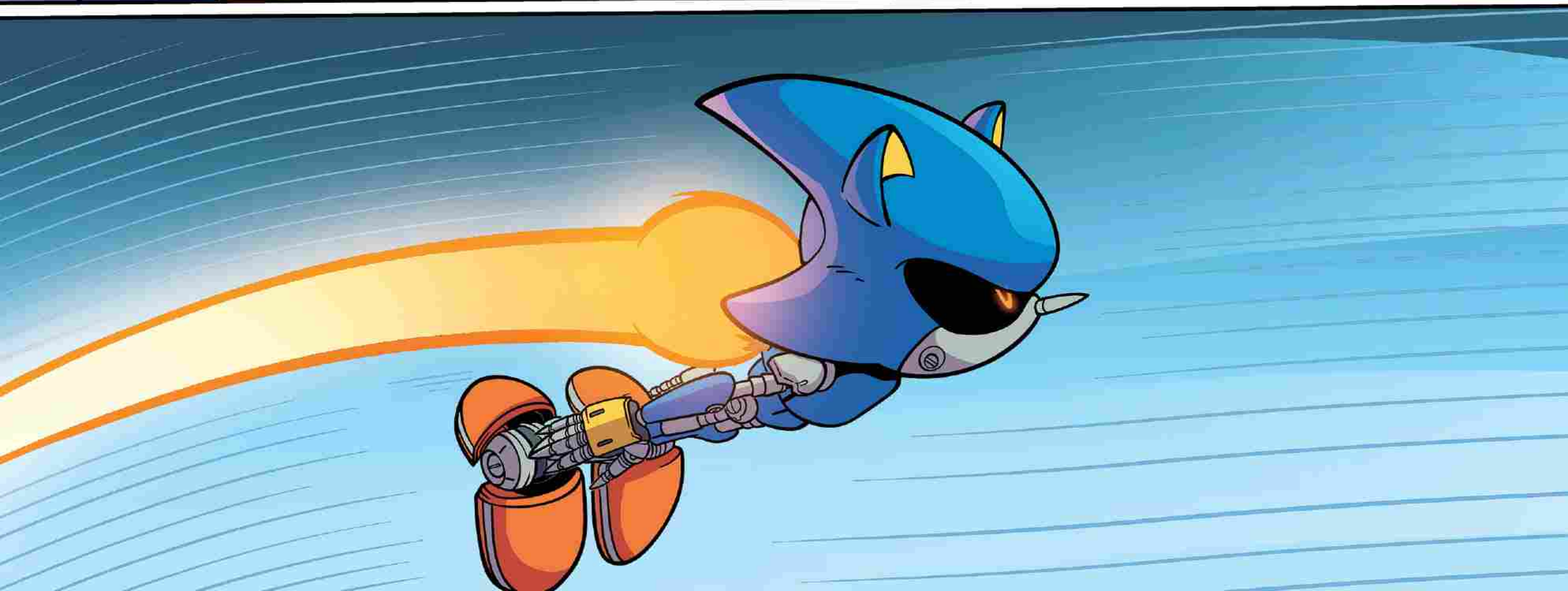
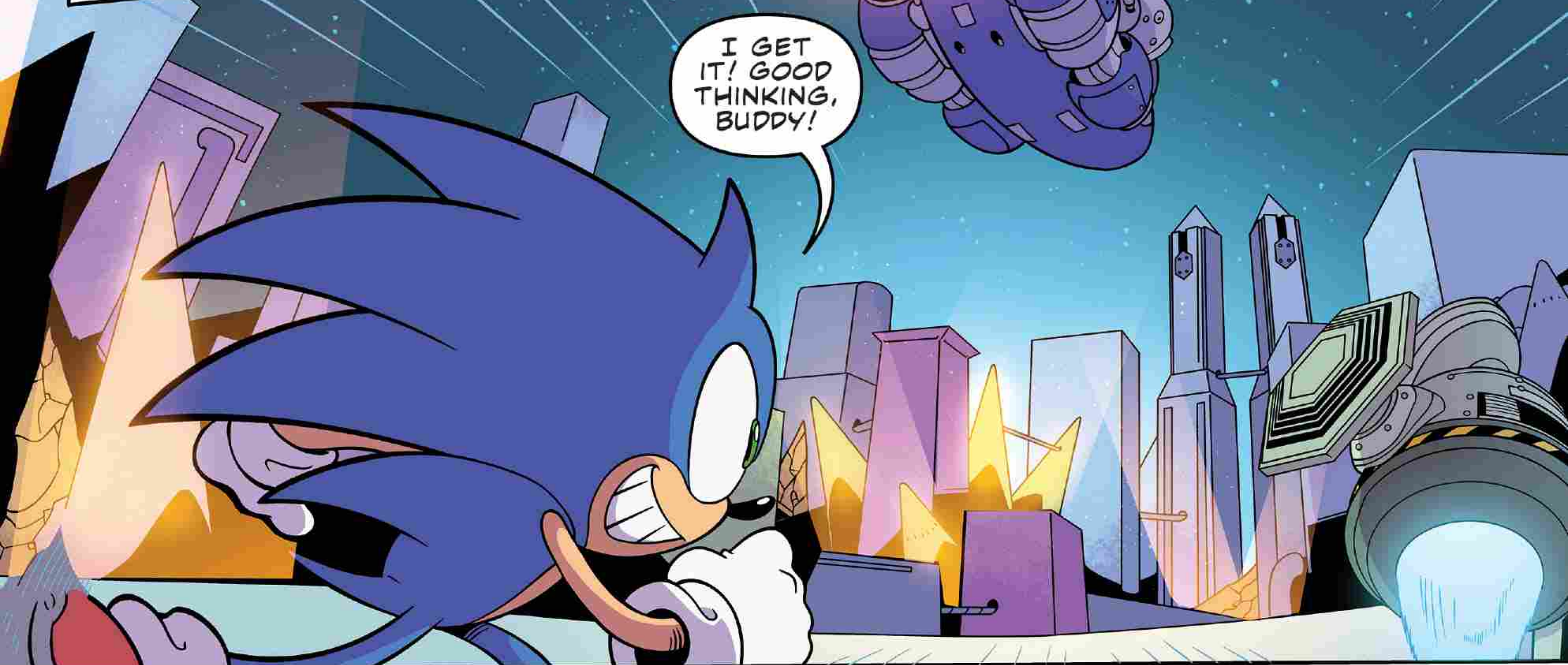
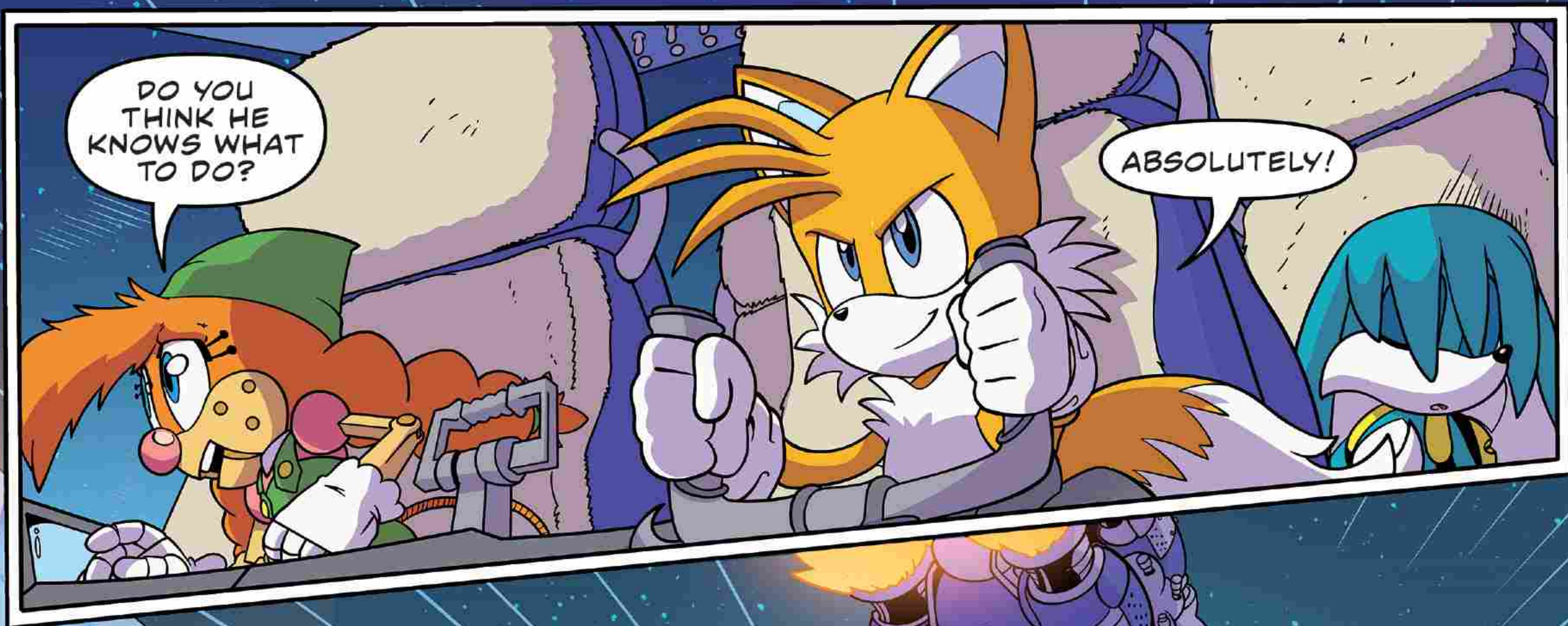


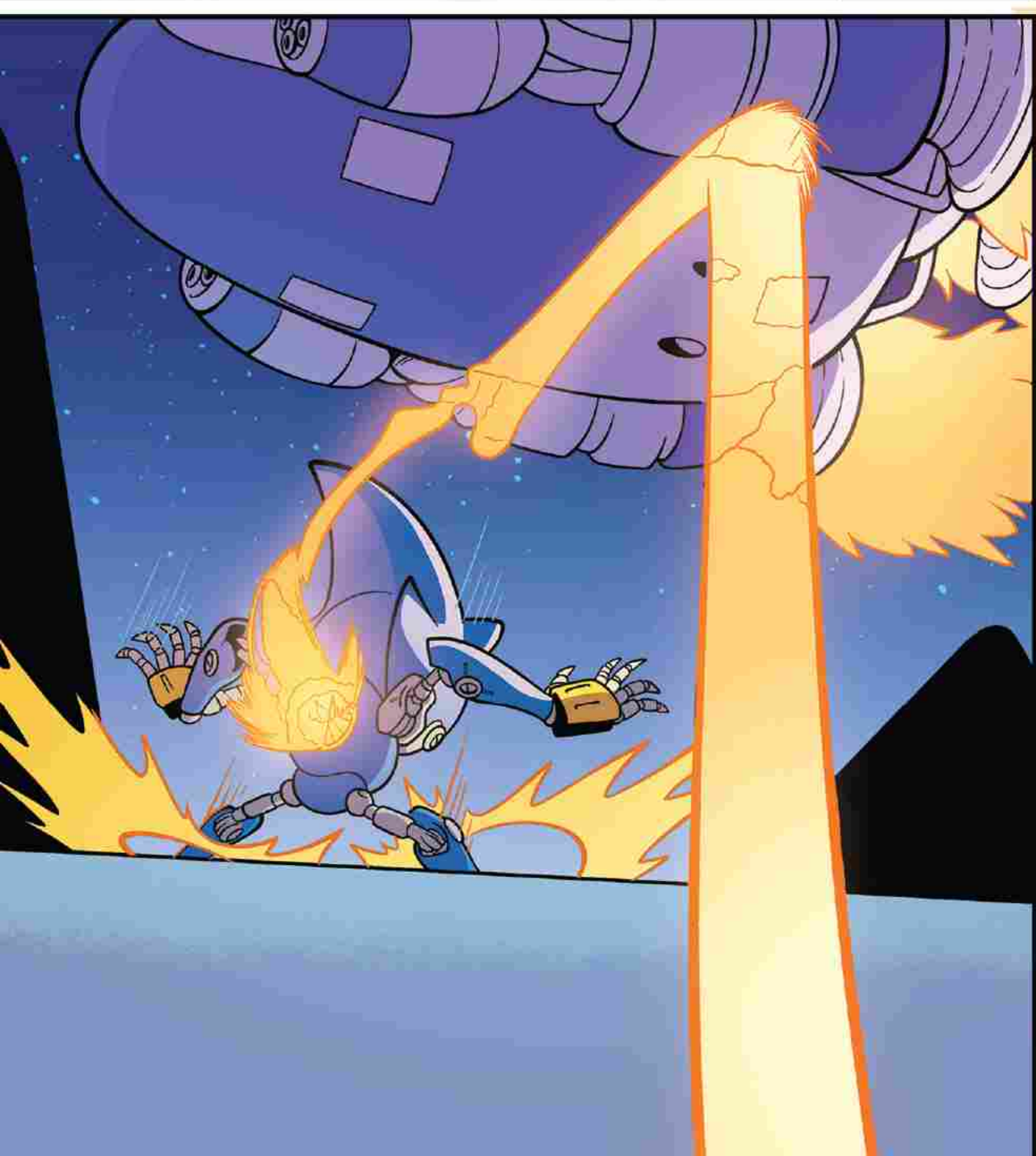
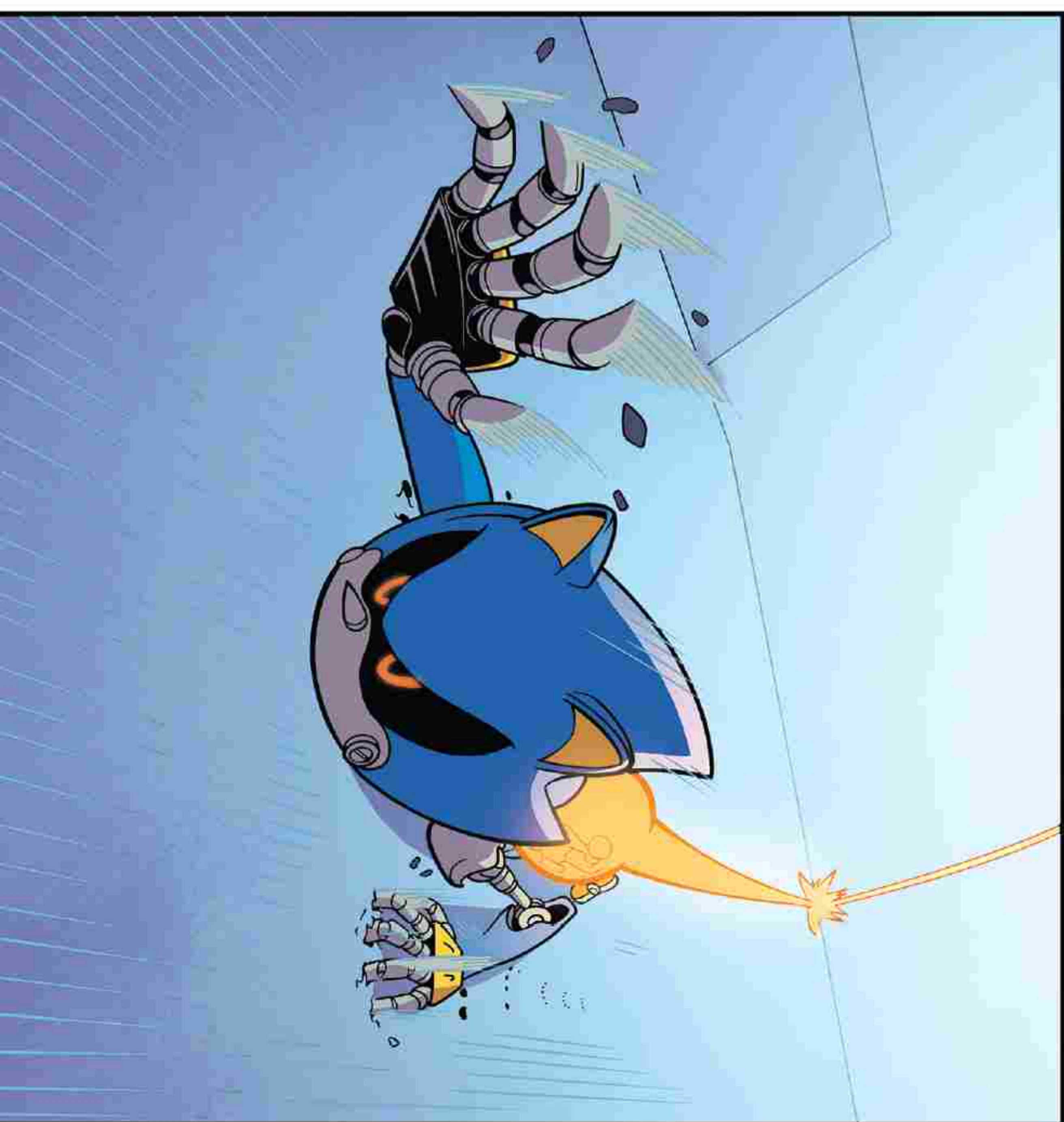
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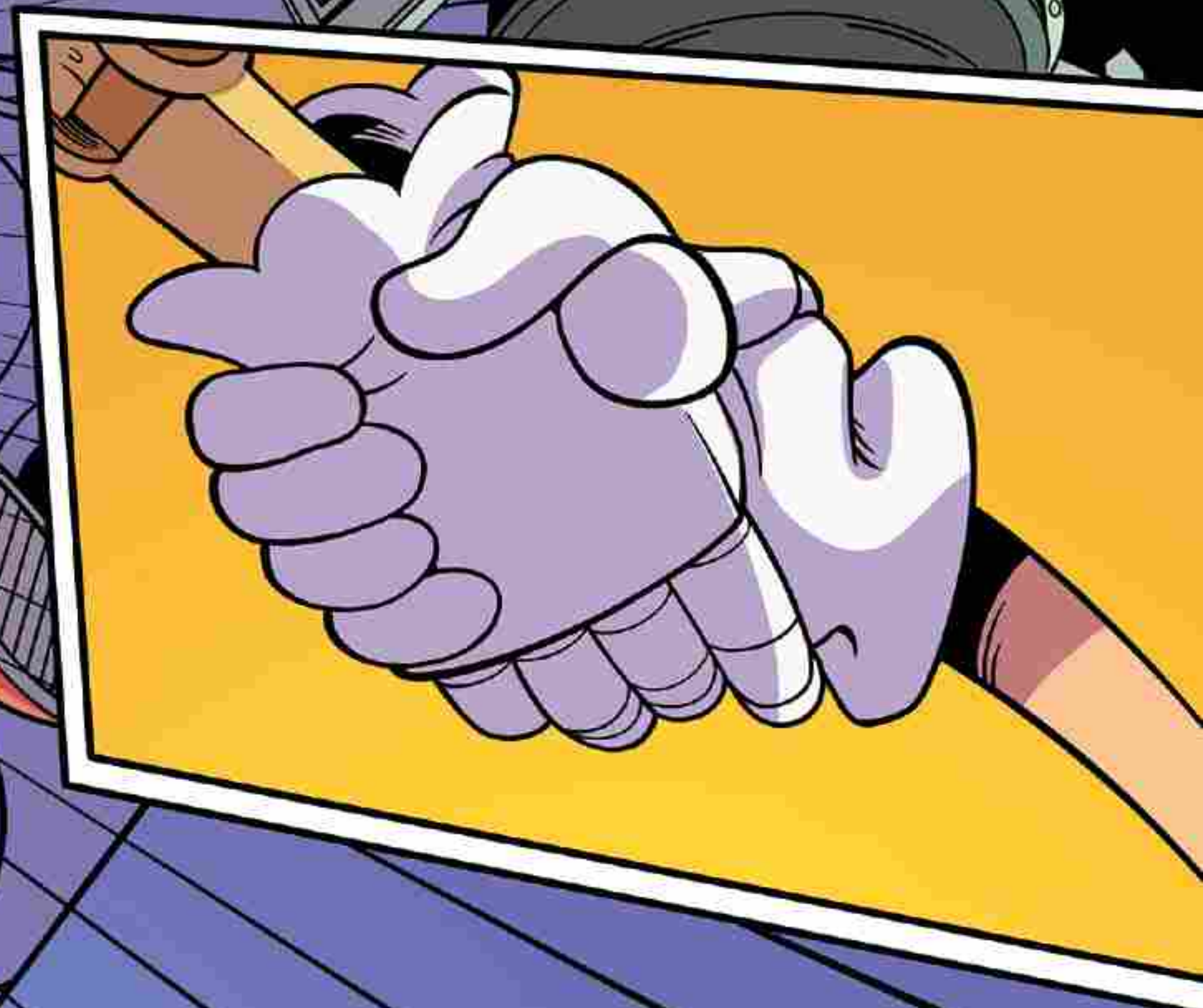
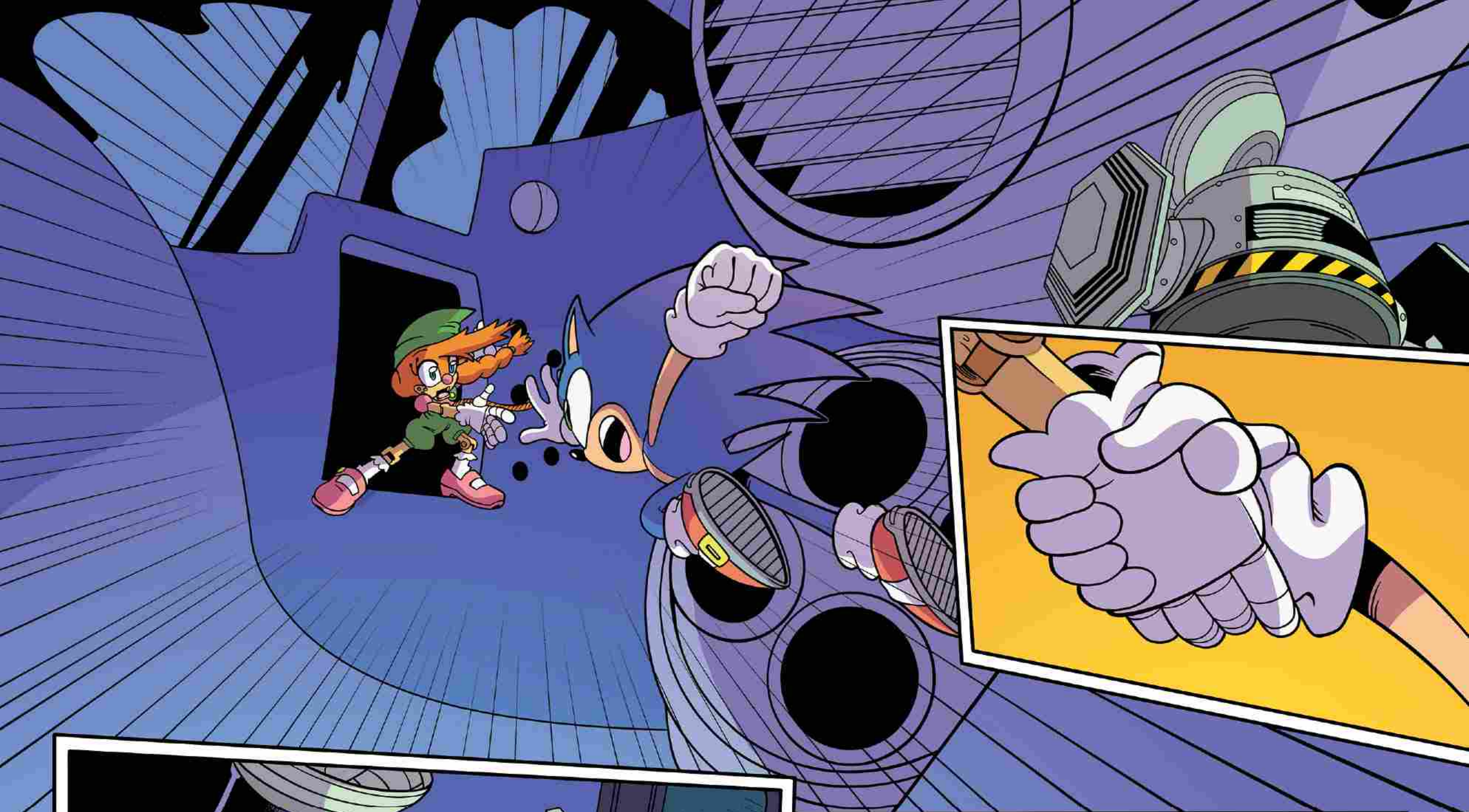


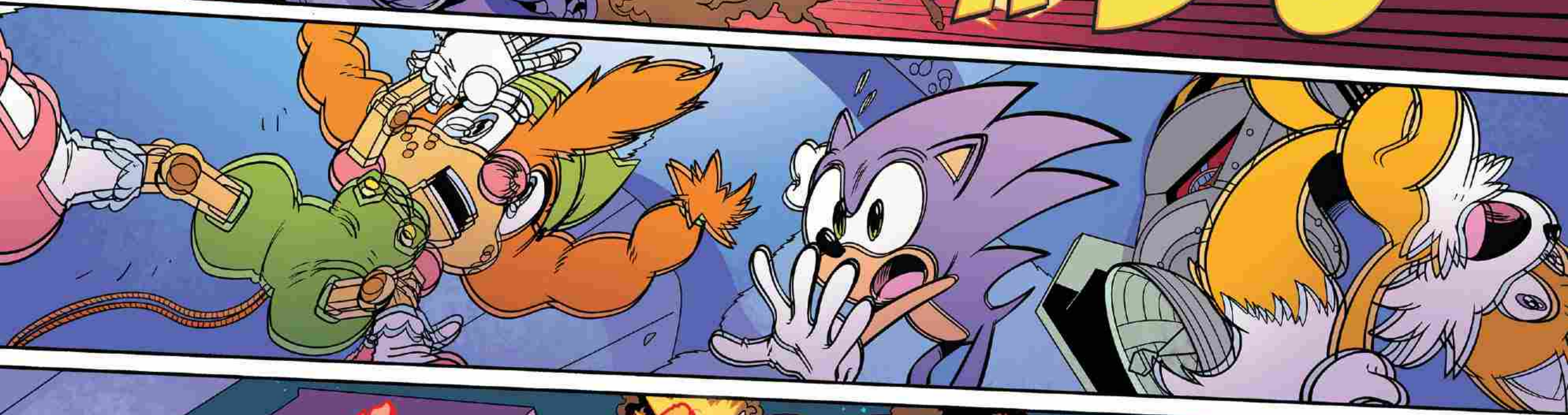
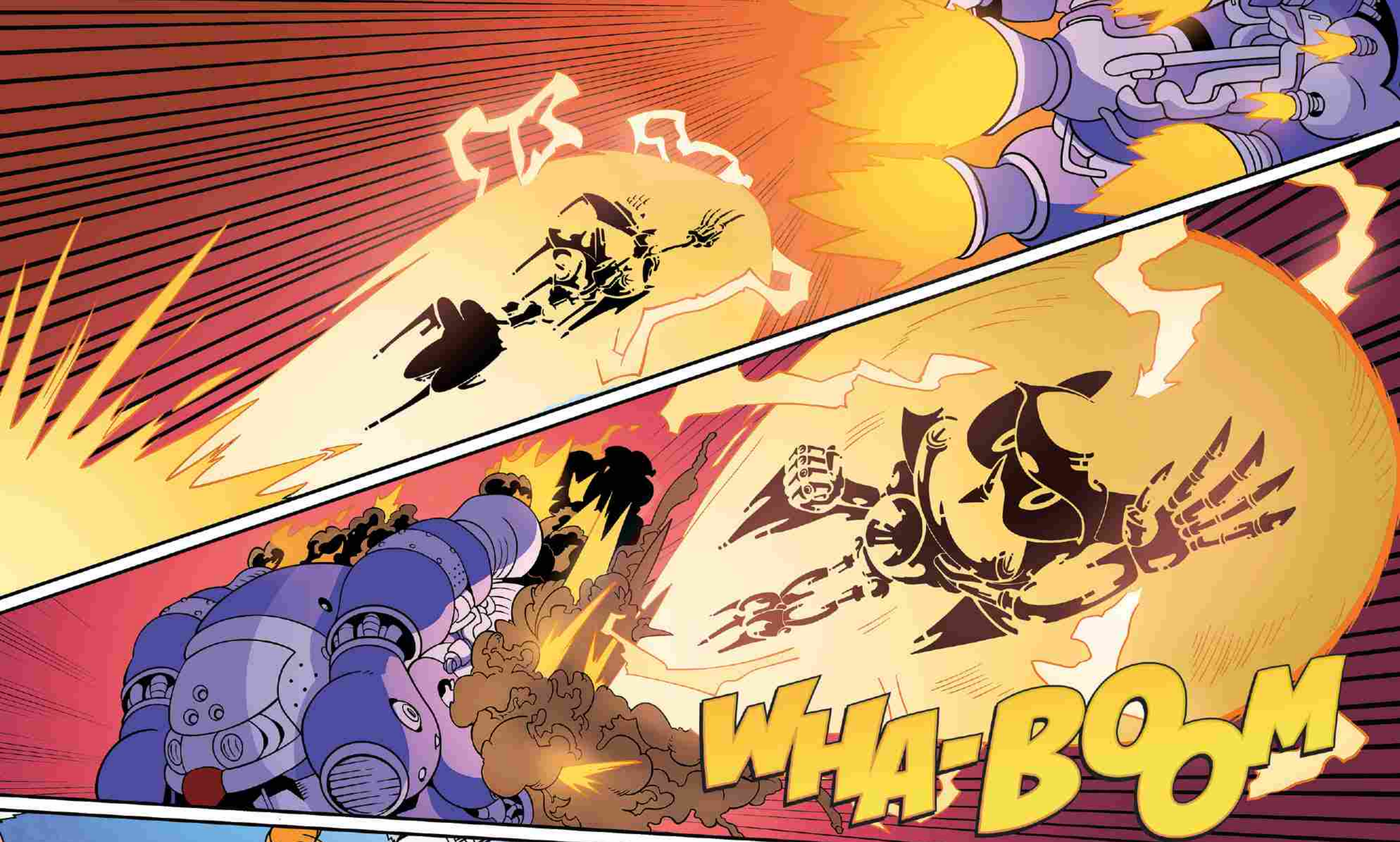
AND THERE'S MY RIDE!

WRECKING MY STUFF IS ONE THING! STEALING IT IS ADDING INSULT TO INJURY!











KZZK
HA HA
KZZ
HA HA
KZZK

TAILS?
BELLE? YOU
GOOD?

I'M...
VERTICAL...

I'M FINE.
GASP!
BUT YOU'RE
NOT!

I'LL WALK IT
OFF. EMPHASIS
ON "WALK." HOW
MUCH FARTHER
UNTIL WE'RE
CLEAR?

WE...
DIDN'T MAKE
IT HALFWAY
TO THE CITY
LIMITS.

AH. WELL...
THAT'S A
PROBLEM.

**NEXT TIME:
TRAPPED
IN ENEMY
TERRITORY!**



NEXT MONTH



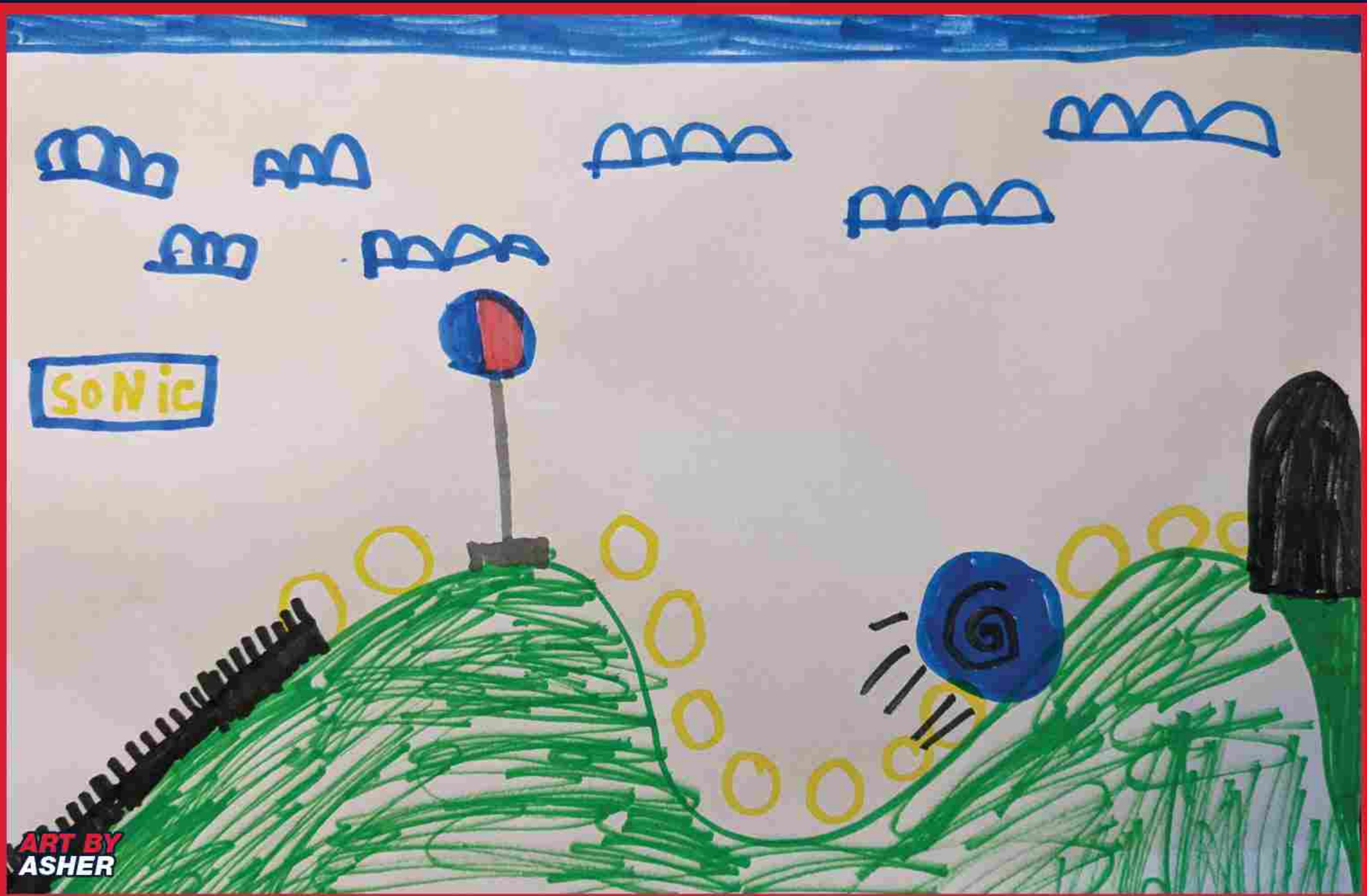
SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

Hola, Sonic Squad! Sonic and Co. just can't catch a break, huh? They need to get out of that city soon! Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Adam Bryce Thomas, Mauro Fonseca, Rik Mack, Heather Breckel, and Shawn Lee for "Escaping the Empire"! Now, let's check out your art!



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